

3.15 Verbs – tenses

1 Using tenses

	Tense	Reason for use
a	present simple	general rule
b	present continuous	current situation
c	present perfect	recent unfinished event
d	present perfect continuous	recent, with emphasis on action that continues for a long time
e	simple past	finished, with time phrase
f	past continuous	finished, with emphasis on action that continued for a long time
g	past perfect	refers to a previous past period
h	'will' future	prediction

2 Practice A

- (a) has risen/ has been rising
- (b) stands for
- (c) sold
- (d) had taken out
- (e) will have
- (f) is working
- (g) was giving
- (h) disputed
- (i) has fallen/ has been falling

3 Simple or continuous?

- (a) is/are working
- (b) believes

- (c) is looking for
- (d) is running/ runs
- (e) rose
- (f) owns
- (g) live
- (h) is attending

5 Practice B – The Bologna process

- (a) met
- (b) was
- (c) agreed
- (d) allows (generally, at any time)
- (e) support
- (f) face
- (g) have
- (h) spends
- (i) will give
- (j) will make
- (k) will be

