

Editing Skills—Tenses

Part A: Choose the correct form of the verbs by crossing out the wrong one. (15 marks)

Dear Susan,

(1) I'm having / I have a great time here in Singapore. My school term (2) isn't starting / doesn't start until the autumn, so (3) I'm taking / I take the chance to improve my physical condition. (4) I'm staying / I stay with a Singaporean family that (5) is owning / owns a farm. On weekdays, usually, (6) I'm catching / I catch a bus to the town for summer classes. I think (7) I'm making / I make good progress in my English by the way. My friends (8) say / are saying my pronunciation is much better than I first arrived. For the rest of time, (9) I'm helping / I help on the farm. At the moment, (10) they're harvesting / they harvest the corn and (11) they're having / they have all the machines which can help with their work. (12) I'm developing / I develop some strong muscles through helping them!

(13) Do you come / Are you coming to visit me? Let me know as soon as (14) you're deciding / you decide what to do. Tell me what (15) you're doing / you do these days.

Love,
Amanda

Part B: Choose the correct form of the verbs by crossing out the wrong one. (6 marks)

1. I won't be free tomorrow. I'll go / I am going to Ocean Park with my friends.
2. If you want to go shopping, you can take my brother's car. I'm sure he won't mind / he's not going to mind.
3. I'll go / I'm going to the town this afternoon. Is there anything you want to get?
4. Will you hold / Are you holding this box for a moment while I unpack it?
5. Hurry! The train will leave / leaves at five o'clock.
6. I'll start / I am starting a new job next week.