

GRAMMAR MOT answer sheet.

A) What does he do?

B) What is he doing?

A) What is his job? (present simple = facts, habits, regular situation)

B) What is he doing at the moment (present continuous = now / at the time of speaking)

A) I've worked for the company for 10 years.

B) I worked for the company for 10 years.

A) I still work there. (Present Perfect – started in past & continues to present.) TIP. Think of this tense as PAST PRESENT i.e. from past to present.

B) I don't work there anymore.

A) Jenny has gone on holiday.

B) Jenny has been on holiday.

A) Jenny is now on holiday.

B) Jenny went on holiday and came back so she is here NOW.

A) Paul used to work for us.

B) Paul is used to (sich an etw gewöhnen) working for us.

A) He worked for the company but does not now.

B) He knows what it is like to work here and is still working here.

A) They would accept the terms, if we moved on price.

B) They would have accepted the terms, if we had moved on price.

A) It describes an 'imaginary/unreal' situation = 2nd conditional form. But if we change our minds and move on price the other party would do likewise.

B) It describes an 'impossible (to change)' because it is talking about a PAST situation = 3rd conditional form. The party didn't move so neither did the other party.

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A) When we left the office the rain stopped.

B) When we left the office the rain had stopped.

A) As we left it stopped raining.

B) It wasn't raining as we left.

A) We mustn't increase prices until September.

B) We don't have to increase prices until September.

A) We are not allowed to = no choice.

B) We do not need to = choice.

A) Let him do it on his own.

B) Let him do it by himself.

This is the trick question. They both mean the same.

A) I remember asking him for the latest sales figures.

B) I remembered to ask him for the latest sales figures.

A) I know that I asked him for the figures.

B) I didn't forget to ask him for the figures.

A) I'm travelling to Münster on Thursday next week.

B) I'm going to travel to Münster next week.

A) It is appointment /arrangement = 'fixed' future event = present continuous.

B) It is a plan = 'not (totally) fixed' future event = be going to

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