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Getting to know Tense Buster V9

Before you use a new program with your students, it is essential that you know both the contents and the way the program works. Try this exercise which has been designed to help teachers get to know Tense Buster in detail.

Tense Buster comes at five levels from Elementary to Advanced. First fill the gaps below in the table of units. Then work through a unit or two of Tense Buster to answer the ten questions beneath.

Elementary	Lower Int.	Intermediate	Upper Int.	Advanced
Am, is, are	Simple present	The passive	Past continuous	Reported Speech
Simple present	Simple past	'Will' and 'going to'	Conditionals	7.
Negatives	1.	Question tags	Adjectives & adverbs	Nouns
Questions	Comparisons	3.	5.	Past perfect
I, me, my	Present continuous	Relative clauses	Modals	The passive
A, an, the	2.	4.	6.	8.
Countable?				
Some & any				
Have got (<i>Intl version only</i>)				

1. How can you get your score for an exercise after completing it?

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2. What happens to the Marking/Scoring button after you have completed an exercise and seen the correct answers (in most exercises)?

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3. In Lower Intermediate, Simple Present, Introduction, how can you hear the passage read out?

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4. Which details are recorded on the Progress, Your scores screen?

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5. Some exercises have a choice of two different marking styles. What are they? How are they different?

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6. For what purposes can students use the Scratch Pad? List at least two.

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7. How do you switch from one level of Tense Buster to another?

8. Describe the Pronunciation exercise in the Reported Speech unit. Can you think of some ways you can use it with your students?

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9. How can you create a random test from all the units in a level? (Hint: go to the Level screen.)

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10. Make brief notes explaining the rationale of the progression of exercises in a unit. For example, what are the functions of the Introduction, Practice, Test and Vocab sections?

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