PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE TENSES

Read each sentence carefully. Identify the underlined verb as past, present, or future tense.

1. Merchandisers ___ start by listening to focus groups.
2. They ___ bring together many styles for teenagers to look at.
3. Later, the design team ___ will add special touches.
4. They ___ sent the first designs out for more work.
5. The marketers ___ discuss the latest fashions and ideas.
6. They ___ keep the prices down so teenagers can afford them.
7. At one point, the patterns ___ were sent back to the cutting room.
8. There, sewers ___ assemble a small run for the test market.
10. Shoppers of all ages ___ will buy the jeans.

RETEACHING: The tense of a verb shows the time of the action. The present tense shows that the action is happening now. The past tense shows that the action happened in the past. The future tense shows the action will happen in the future. It uses the helping verb will followed by a main verb.
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On the line provided, write the correct tense of the verb given in parentheses.

1. We _____________ at many styles of jeans. (look; past)
2. We _____________ for hours! (shop; past)
3. Jeans _____________ in so many styles. (come; present)
4. Paula _____________ the wide-cut look. (like; present)
5. I _____________ on jeans with a straighter, tighter leg. (try; past)
6. Paula _____________ her jeans super long. (wear; future)
7. Long ago, she _____________ her jeans, but not anymore. (hem; past)
8. Styles _____________ quickly. (change; present)
9. The jeans business constantly _____________ new styles. (supply; present)
10. This year’s look _____________ next year’s laugh. (be; future)
11. Most stores _____________ jeans in a variety of sizes. (carry; present)
12. Tomorrow Paula and her friends _____________ to the mall to shop. (go; future)

On a separate piece of paper, write a paragraph about a product or style you bought or used in the past that you no longer enjoy. Underline each verb you use.

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Identify the underlined word or words in each sentence. Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. Merchandisers find styles as well as fabric.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

2. Teenagers will go to malls to buy them.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

3. First the merchandisers traveled to the big stores.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

4. Then, teenagers will decide what to buy.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

5. The team will design the best fitting jeans.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

6. Later the teams will meet with the designers about a plan.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

7. On busy days clerks fold many pairs of jeans.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

8. They keep the jeans neat and clean.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

9. Thousands of jeans were sold last year.
   a) present
   b) past
   c) future

10. Designers gather all the information.
    a) present
    b) past
    c) future
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1. present  
2. present  
3. future  
4. past  
5. present  
6. present  
7. past  
8. present  
9. future  
10. future  
11. present  
12. future  
13. past  
14. future  
15. future

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1. looked  
2. shopped  
3. come  
4. likes  
5. tried  
6. will wear  
7. hemmed  
8. change  
9. supplies  
10. will be  
11. carry  
12. will go

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1. a  
2. c  
3. b  
4. c  
5. c  
6. c  
7. a  
8. a  
9. b  
10. a