

Verbs Tenses Exercises

A- Fill in the correct tense : Present simple, present progressive

- 1- I (think) I can do the homework all by myself.
- 2- She (appear) to be a nice girl.
- 3- I (work) for a nonprofit organization at the moment.
- 4- Ian (take) a shower at the moment. Could you call back later?
- 5- Jack (leave) in a few minutes. You have to hurry.
- 6- I (love) to go swimming during the hot summer months.
- 7- That book (belong) to me. Give it back.
- 8- I (understand) what you are saying, but I (not believe) it.
- 9- My mum (not get) a day off during the summer months.
- 10- What (your dad, do) for a living?
- 11- I usually (take) the bus to school but today my sister (drive) me.
- 12- What (you drink)? - I (have) a glass of wine. Would you care to join me?

B- Fill in the Blank

- Q1) I ... her every day and she never says hello to me.
(a) *see* (b) *am seeing* (c) *will see*
- Q2) What is the name of that picture which you ... on the wall.
(a) *look at* (b) *is looking at* (c) *are looking at*
- Q3) ... to see that film that is on at the cinema next week?
(a) *Do you go* (b) *Is you going* (c) *Are you going*
- Q4) ... every single thing which that man says?
(a) *Do you believe* (b) *Is you believing* (c) *Are you believing*
- Q5) Sometimes I ... what the teacher says to me.
(a) *don't understand* (b) *am not understanding* (c) *understand not*
- Q6) Later tonight I ... my uncle, who is ill in hospital.
(a) *visit* (b) *am visiting* (c) *are visiting*
- Q7) Why ... late every time we arrange to meet?
(a) *is he* (b) *he is* (c) *is he being*

Q8) ... by air because the cost of flying is very high.

- (a) *I don't often travel*
(c) *I'll not often travelling*
(b) *I'm not often travelling*

Q9) Next time you ... to my house, you must bring that book.

- (a) *come* (b) *is coming* (c) *are coming*

Q10) I ... to remember your name but I'm afraid I can't remember it.

- (a) *try* (b) *am trying* (c) *will trying*

Q11) What ... about the plan to shorten the school holidays ?

- (a) *are you thinking* (b) *do you think* (c) *will you think*

Q12) You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane ... at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by 4.30!

- (a) *is leaving* (b) *leave* (c) *is leaving*

Q13) You ... into things and breaking them. How can anyone be so clumsy?

- (a) *Are always bumping* (b) *always bump* (c) *always bumps*

Q14) My father ... me to school this week because we had an accident and our car is being repaired.

- (a) *Is not driving* (b) *doesn't drive* (c) *don't drive*

Q15) What ... next weekend, Anna?

- (a) *Will you do* (b) *are you doing* (c) *do you do*

C- Find the right tense

1. You (not / like) _____ chocolate.
2. She (not / study) _____ at the moment.
3. We often (go) _____ to the cinema.
4. He usually (not / do) _____ his homework.
5. They (not / eat) _____ rice every day.
6. We (not / study) _____ every night.
7. (You / like) _____ spicy food?
8. (She / go) _____ to Scotland often?
9. (He / eat) _____ now?
10. We (go) _____ to the cinema this weekend.

11. They (study) _____ now.
12. I (clean) _____ the kitchen every day.
13. She (work) _____ every Sunday.
14. We (not / sleep) _____ now.
15. He (not / go) _____ to the park very often.
16. It (rain) _____ a lot here.
17. I (go) _____ on holiday tomorrow.
18. How long (she / stay) _____ in London?
19. I often (read) _____ at night.
20. We (not / drink) _____ much wine.

D- Past simple or past continuous

- 1.- It ____ (snow) when I ____ (leave) home this morning.
- 2.- It was a sunny afternoon and people ____ (sit) on the grass in the park. Then suddenly it ____ (start) to rain.
- 3.- A: I tried to explain my problem to her.
B: ____ (she/listen)?
- 4.- My brother ____ (talk) on the phone when I arrived, but when he ____ (see) me, he ____ (finish) the call. Perhaps he thought that I ____ (listen) to his conversation.
- 5.- I nearly had an accident today. A car ____ (come) towards me, but I moved quickly out of the way and fortunately nothing ____ (happen).
- 6.- A: Which hotel ____ (you/stay) in when you lost your passport?
B: I don't remember. I ____ (visit) many places during my European tour and I ____ (stay) in many different hotels.
- 7.- I ____ (move) to Hastings in 1999. I ____ (live) there when I met them.
- 8.- _____ (many people / wait) for the 9:15 bus last night?
- 9.- I _____ (dance) with my girlfriend when the disc jockey played our favourite song.
- 10.- I _____ (study) grammar when I _____ (fall) asleep.
- 11.- The scientists ____ (work) in their laboratory when they ____ (discover) the new drug.
- 12.- We _____ (climb) the wall when the gardener ____ (see) us.

- 13.- Vicky _____ (have) a beautiful dream when the alarm clock _____ (ring)
- 14.- As he _____ (run) for the bus he _____ (collide) with a street lamp.
- 15.- When he _____ (carry) a suitcase, he _____ (drop) it on his foot.
- 16.- _____ (you / do) your homework on the bus while you _____ (come) to school?
- 17.- The students _____ (read) the article when the last class _____ (finish).
- 18.- When I _____ (arrive) at the cinema, my friends _____ (wait) for me.
- 19.- _____ (you / listen) to the teacher when she _____ (explain) this exercise?
- 20.- Susan _____ (play) the piano while Mary _____ (sing).

E) Past Simple or Present Perfect

1. I _____ (see) three police cars this morning (it's still morning)
2. After he _____ (arrive) home, he _____ (unpack) and _____ (go) to bed early.
3. A: What's wrong? B: I _____ (break) a glass!
4. My grandparents only _____ (know) each other for a few months before they _____ (get) married.
5. I _____ (be) in London for three years. I love it here.
6. We _____ (see) Julie last night.
7. He _____ (be) a teacher before he _____ (become) a musician.
8. When the boss _____ (walk) into the room, we _____ (know) someone was going to get fired.
9. The children _____ (break) a window in the school last week.
10. He _____ (see) that film last year.
11. Lucy _____ (break) her leg, so she can't come skiing.
12. Julie _____ (arrive)! Come and say hello!
13. They _____ (be) cold when they _____ (arrive) home.

14. Jack _____ (break) his arm when he _____ (fall) off a horse in 2005.
15. I _____ (know) about the problem for months, but I _____ (not / find) a solution yet.
16. A: When _____ (you / arrive)? B: At 10pm last night.
17. She _____ (be) a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.
18. How long _____ (you / know) Jill? I know you see her often.
19. I _____ (see) the sea before.
20. A: Hello B: Hi Mum, it's me. I just wanted to say I _____ (arrive) safely and everything is fine.

F) Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous

1. _____ (you / buy) your train ticket yet?
2. The kitchen is a complete mess! What _____ (the children / do)?
3. Julie _____ (learn) to drive for six years!
4. Amanda _____ (already / have) lunch, so she'll meet us later.
5. How much coffee _____ (she / drink) this morning?
6. Simon _____ (write) three books.
7. I _____ (do) everything I needed to do today! Hurray!
8. It _____ (not / rain) all summer, so the garden is dead.
9. I _____ (read) your book. Here it is, thank you.
10. She _____ (forget) how to get to my house.
11. I _____ (work) in the garden all day and I need a rest.
12. She _____ (make) three cakes. They look delicious!
13. David feels great these days. He _____ (get) up early lately.
14. We _____ (always / hate) rush hour traffic.
15. Recently, I _____ (study) a lot. My exams are in a few weeks.
16. We _____ (write) this book for months and months.
17. I _____ (always / love) chocolate.
18. I _____ (want) to go back to university for a long time.

19. What's that delicious smell? _____ (you / cook)?
20. I _____ (watch) seven films this week!

G) Fill in with the right future tense

1. We will go out with our friends as soon as we _____ (finish) this.
2. By the time we get there, the film _____ (begin).
3. Look at those clouds. It _____ (rain).
4. I _____ (meet) her this evening.
5. Don't call at 6.00. I _____ (do) my homework then.
6. Perhaps I _____ (see) you tomorrow.
7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I _____ (get) them for you.
8. What time _____ the next bus _____ (arrive)?
9. He _____ (spend) all his money by the end of the week.
10. I _____ (pay) all my debts in a week's time.
11. Stop that, or I _____ (tell) your parents.
12. Paul _____ (learn) French.
13. This time next week he _____ (camp) in the mountains.
14. Have you heard? Linda _____ (buy) a new house.
15. Where _____ you _____ (work) in ten years' time?
16. I _____ (help) you move if I get here on time.
17. Stay in your seat until the bell _____ (ring).
18. _____ you _____ (use) your car at the weekend? - I guess I will.
19. _____ you _____ (watch) the action movie? – Yes, I am.
20. He _____ (arrive) in Paris by the end of the day.

H) Same exercise

1. My father hasn't got much hair. He _____ (lose) it all soon.
2. In 150 years, men _____ (likely /be) bald.
3. When I've saved some money, I _____ (buy) a new ipad.
4. Everybody expects the owners _____ (sign) the agreement with Bill Gate's company.

5. Be careful. Geminis _____ (have) money problems this week.
6. Don't phone me this evening. I _____ (study) for my English exam.
7. Let's have a snack. Dinner _____ (not be) ready for another hour.
8. What? OK, I _____ (fix) it in a minute.
9. I'll clean the house before mum _____ (come).
10. The water is already very hot. It _____ (boil) in a minute.
11. Lucky you! At this time tomorrow, you _____
12. _____ (swim) in the Caribbean!
13. If you _____ (believe) that you will pass the test, you _____ (get) it.
14. I _____ (go trekking) in Mexico next month.
15. In a hundred years, the ice caps _____ (melt) unless we stop the global warming.
16. Move, bloke! That cyclist _____ (crash into) you!
17. The train from Bolton _____ (arrive) at 8:15 at Victoria Station. I always take it on Saturdays to go to the city center.
18. Uncle David _____ (fly) to Moscow to visit my cousin in a few weeks.
19. Let's not make plans for Liz's first night home. She _____ (drive) for 12 hours and I'm sure she _____ (be) exhausted.
20. What shoes _____ (you / wear) for our hike –trainers or hiking boots?
21. Do you think they _____ (build) a high-speed rail system by the end of 2025?
22. I _____ (go fishing) with some friends early next Sunday. I hope it _____ (not be) too boring!
23. I _____ (tidy) this mess, mum. I promise.
24. _____ (he / test) his eyes at 5?

I) Choose the best answer to fill in the blank

1. When I started to work here I needed a lot of help, but now I _____ all the work on my own.
- (a). am used to doing (b). used to do (c). get used to doing

2. He _____ several books a month, but he doesn't have time any more. (a). *was used to reading* (b). *got used to reading* (c). *used to read*

3. We were surprised to see her driving – she _____ when we first met her. (a). *didn't use to drive* (b). *got used to driving* (c). *was used to driving*

4. Don't worry, it's a simple program to use. You _____ it in no time, I'm sure. (a). *used to use* (b). *are used to* (c). *will get used to*

5. When I had to commute to work every day I _____ very early. (a). *used to getting up* (b). *used to get up*

6. I'm afraid I'll never _____ in this place. I simply don't like it and never will. (a). *got used to living* (b). *used to live* (c). *get used to living*

7. Whenever we came to Coventry we always _____ in the Central Hotel. We loved it. (a). *used to stay* (b). *got used to staying*

8. When Pete Smith was the head of our office everything _____ well organized. Now it's total chaos here. (a). *got used to be* (b). *was used to being* (c). *used to be*

9. Mr. Lazy was shocked when he joined our busy company because he _____ doing much work everyday. (a). *wasn't used to* (b). *didn't use to*

10. At first the employees didn't like the new open-space office, but in the end they _____ it. (a). *got used to* (b). *get used to* (c). *are used to*

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