

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*

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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*