

Grammar Exercise 1

Present simple and continuous

1. Now that we (have) a house in the country, we often (go) for walks in the woods or down paths between the fields.
2. – What (you / do) ?
– I (be) a computer programmer.
3. Alex and Julia (stay) with us for a week. This is their first visit to London.
4. This manual (contain) all the necessary information.
5. They (play) squash every Thursday.
6. I normally (go) to work by underground, but I (drive) to work today because I (have got) so much to carry.
7. We (move) to new premises this week, so it might take a few days for me to answer any mail.
8. She (take) an English course at the moment.
9. – Excuse me, (I / disturb) you?
– No, not at all, come in.
10. – There (be) so much traffic on the motorway.
– That's what (happen) when everybody (go) on holiday on the same day.
11. – (you / like) skiing?
– Yes, we (go) skiing every winter.
12. (you / want) to go to the restaurant with Ellen and me tomorrow evening? We (go) to the new Indian restaurant in Thornton Street.
13. – What (you / do) at the weekend?
– We (visit) Kathy and Peter in Manchester. We haven't seen them for ages.
14. Andrew (run) a builder's yard in Coventry. He took it over from his father ten years ago.
15. I (not understand) how you can put up with the enormous workload.
16. Matthew (often / work) at night. As a doctor, he frequently (have to) do several shifts one after the other.
17. I (try) to concentrate. Could you turn the volume down a bit please?
18. This company (make) car parts, household appliances and power tools amongst many other things.
19. She never (ask) me before arranging things with friends.
20. (you / joke) ? (you / know) how much that (cost) ?

Grammar Exercise 2

Past simple and continuous

1. I (send) a letter to my parents yesterday.
2. What film (you / see) at the cinema on Saturday?
3. I (phone) Anna yesterday evening. Unfortunately, we (not be) able to catch up on the gossip much. She (try) to prepare dinner, her elder son (demand) attention and the baby (cry) in the background.
4. They (forget) to invite the Burtons to the party.
5. – So you're back from your holiday. You know, we (go) to the same town last summer. Where (you / stay) ?
– We (stay) at the Riviera Hotel.
6. Do you remember the boss said he (have) to make some phone calls and finish some important work. Well, when I (go) in to see him half an hour later, he (read) the newspaper, (drink) coffee and (smoke) a cigarette. I could do that sort of hard work all day!
7. While Julia and Alex (make) the final preparations for their wedding, they (have) another enormous argument and (decide) to call off the wedding.
8. He's only eight, but plays chess really well. His father (teach) him.
9. – How (be) your holidays? What (you / do) ?
– We (not do) much actually. We (spend) a lot of time lazing around, reading and lying by the pool.
10. The Robertsons (buy) their first house in London seven years ago. They (sell) it, at a £ 100,000 profit, five years later and (move) to Birmingham for their work, where property is a good deal cheaper.
11. – (you / like) the film?
– Yes, very much, although I thought it (be) a bit long.
12. I (talk) to Ellen about your proposals after the meeting and she (seem) very interested.
13. Not there? But we (ship) it to you on Friday two weeks ago!
14. Here's the report you (ask) me to check and correct.
15. I (go) to see Anna at her home in Clapham yesterday. When I (arrive) , she (sit) on the patio with a novel in one hand and a cool drink in the other.
16. We (use) to live on the main road, but, surprisingly, the constant traffic and the sound of police and ambulance sirens (not bother) me at all.
17. Oh, hello James! We (just / talk) about you.
18. I (see) Emma outside the supermarket yesterday. She (talk) to someone on the phone.
19. Oh, don't take everything so seriously. I (only / joke)
20. – Where (you / be) born?
– I (be) born in Manchester, (grow) up in Bristol and now I live and work in London.

Grammar Exercise 4

If sentences

1. If you (have) any questions, please (not hesitate) to contact me.
2. If I (know) they (look) for a woman, I (not waste) my time going to the interview. I took the day off yesterday just to go to Birmingham for it.
3. – So what have you decided for tomorrow?
– Well, if the weather (be) nice, we (go) to the riverside pub where we can sit outside.
4. She's so rude. I'm sure she (sell) a lot more if, generally, she (be) friendlier and more polite, and (smile) a bit more.
5. I'm sorry it took so long for you to pack all the removal boxes on Saturday. If you (tell) me a bit sooner, I (be able) to come and help you.
6. If you (want) to find a job, you (have) to send off lots of applications and mention it to all your friends and acquaintances. They're not going to come running to you.
7. She can talk the hind leg off a donkey. Maybe if she (not talk) so much, I (not / always / be) so tired after a meeting with her.
8. Great! Now we've missed the train. If we (leave) home at three, as I said, we (not miss) it and (have) plenty of time to park the car, buy a newspaper etc.
9. Can you help me? If you (help) me with this, I (invite) you to dinner at a snazzy restaurant.
10. Generally, if they (not phone) you within four weeks, it (be) because they (not think) you are the right person for the job.
11. If it (not rain) I (go) , but just look at the weather!
12. – If only I (phone) him as promised.
– That (not change) anything. Anyway, what's done is done. Just forget it.
13. If you (be) a bit more organised, you (not arrive) late every day.
14. You won't get me on a plane. If God (want) humans to fly, he (give) us wings.
15. You have to try to distance yourself a bit as a doctor. If you (get) too emotionally involved, you (find) you can't take it for very long.
16. Come on! I didn't buy the tickets for nothing. If you (not hurry) up, they (not let) us in any more.
17. I've got the feeling they won't take the flat. In my experience as an estate agent, if the potential buyer (be) truly interested, the talk (end) differently.
18. It's too late to complain now. If you (take) the shopping list with you, you (not forget) anything and you (be) able to offer our guests a variety of drinks now and not just one.
19. Look, if we (not take) this opportunity, perhaps we (not get) another chance, so let's do it.
20. Where (we / be) now if you (not convince) them to do a deal?

Grammar Exercise 5

Passive

1. The photocopier still (not repair) When are they finally going to do it?
2. They will mark your exam in the next couple of weeks. Your results (send) to you by post. If you haven't received them by 15th December, call this number.
3. I am not very satisfied. This should (complete) three weeks ago.
4. Ah, before I forget, Mary, they have just changed the schedule. The meeting (postpone) till Friday morning.
5. Somebody broke into the company building at the weekend. A few things (take) , but nothing of enormous value, and not much (damage)
6. Hello, John. Listen, your wife (take) ill.
7. £ 2 million (already / put) into this project, and now you're asking for another million.
8. The company (sell) to a group of investors who then restructured it and made it more focused and more profitable.
9. I travelled up to Edinburgh last Tuesday. I (ask) to give a presentation on the tax situation.
10. It is a very popular book. So far, it (translate) into fifteen languages and (sell) in more countries still.
11. Have you read the local newspaper? The houses on the corner of Parson Street are to (tear) down to make way for a small shopping centre.
12. The film (direct) by Andrew Myers. I think it won an award last year.
13. Look, you had the chance to make more changes for weeks. I have given it to be printed. It can't (change) now.
14. The offices (currently / renovate) , that's why some employees have to work at home or in other offices for a few days.
15. He arrived forty-five minutes late. He said his train (cancel) and he had had to find an alternative way to get to the company.
16. My grandmother was all distraught when I visited her yesterday evening. She (mug) on the way back from the supermarket.
17. A new wall (build) around the estate when a car skidded and crashed into it, destroying part of it.
18. Don't worry, I'm sure a replacement (find) soon enough.
19. A bill (discuss) in Parliament at the moment which might make a big change to shop opening hours and working hours.
20. It's difficult to prevent a company like this one, which has been having problems and whose management have been much criticised by shareholders, from (buy) up.

Grammar Exercise 10 Multiple choice

Choose the right answer for each gap.

1. Who are these people? - are my parents.
A This B They C That D The
2. I want books over there.
A those B them C these D that
3. lots of beautiful buildings in this town.
A it are B it gives C there is D there are
4. Give it to colleague.
A you're B hers C your D us
5. We are proud that we did it all
A usselves B ourself C ourselves D self
6. I don't have money left.
A any B some C many D no
7. I'm sorry. I don't have time.
A many B all C much D a lot
8. Very people want to work without being paid.
A little B a few C a lot of D few
9. I'm confused. Could you explain that again please?
A a little B little C many D bits
10. she work very hard?
A Do B Don't C Does D Has
11. You got a clue about this.
A haven't B don't have C - D doesn't have
12. I understand a word he was saying.
A don't B can't C wasn't D couldn't
13. What you like to drink now?
A are B do C will D would
14. The man is standing over there is my boss.
A who B whom C which D what
15. These are the books I bought yesterday.
A they B that C who D what

Grammar Exercise 11 Multiple choice

Choose the correct answer for each gap.

1. We want to go skiing the weekend.
A about B at C in D to
2. Her car is not working so she's going to work train today.
A with the B in C by D over the
3. The meeting is Monday, 4 o'clock afternoon.
A to / at / of the B at / on / in the C on / at / in the D on / at / at the
4. I am very interested politics.
A to B for C of D in
5. I was very pleased you again.
A see B to see C for seeing D in seeing
6. I can't get used twelve hours a day, starting at seven thirty a.m..
A to work B working C to working D for working
7. This is beginning on my nerves.
A getting B to getting C to get D to have got
8. You do good work. We know we can rely you.
A on B to C with D in
9. I am looking forward him at the next conference.
A of meeting B to meet C meeting D to meeting
10. He considers this just another part of the job.
A - B as C for D alike
11. He is setting it up quickly and correctly.
A capable to B unable to C inability to D incapable of
12. We cannot afford it.
A losing B to lose C of losing D about losing
13. Do you enjoy for this company?
A to work B the working C working D to be working
14. Would you mind me with this report?
A to help B in helping C about helping D helping
15. He asked me late.
A not coming B for not coming C to don't come D not to come

Grammar Exercise 12 Multiple choice

Choose the correct answer for each gap.

1. Ann French fluently and a bit of Spanish.
A is speaking B are speaking C speak D speaks
2. This bottle two litres of milk.
A contains B is containing C was containing D contain
3. Where's Monica? - She to Alan in his office.
A talks B will talk C is talking D talked
4. I'm thirsty. - Are you? Wait a minute, you a drink.
A I get B I'm getting C I'd get D I'll get
5. What? - He's an engineer.
A is he doing B does he do C do he do D will he do
6. a cup of coffee? - Oh yes please, thank you very much.
A Want you B Do you like C Would you like D Would you
7. Hold on a moment. you through.
A I'll put B I put C I would put D I do put
8. What on Saturday? Do you feel like coming to our house for dinner?
A do you do B will you do C are you doing D do you make
9. What on the weekend? - Oh, nothing much really.
A were you doing B have you done C did you do D have you been doing
10. I want to change jobs. I at this company for ten years.
A worked B am working C work D have been working
11. He sixty-three letters since last Wednesday!
A wrote B has written C has been writing D is writing
12. After leaving school, he one year abroad and then started university.
A spent B had spent C was spending D has spent
13. down the street when I met Tom.
A I was walking B I walked C I've walked D I've been walking
14. The politician's speech yesterday by about ten million people.
A have been heard B heard C was heard D has been heard
15. The old building at the moment.
A renovates B is renovated C was renovated D is being renovated