

Exercise 1. Fill in the correct form of the verb

- (1) I _____ a great film yesterday. (see) → saw
- (2) _____ a new car? (you ever buy) → Have you ever bought
- (3) I _____ him last Monday. (meet) → met
- (4) The band _____ while I _____. (play, write) → are playing/am writing
- (5) She _____ the new car in 2005. (buy) → is going to buy
- (6) Her mother _____ in Victoria for the past five years. (live) → has lived
- (7) They _____ in Germany when we arrived a few days ago. → (already be)
- (8) _____ to get married? (you plan) → Did you plan
- (9) I _____ so much fun since I was a kid. (not have) → I have not had fun
- (10) When I got up I _____ out of the window and _____ that it _____. (look, see, rain) → looked/saw/was raining
- (11) Janet _____ for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us. (work) → worked/had worked
- (12) I _____ three movies so far this week. (see) → have seen
- (13) How long _____ for me? (you wait) → have you waited
- (14) I _____ over Loch Ness last week. - _____ the Loch Ness monster? (fly, you see) → flew/did you see
- (15) I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I _____. (already eat) → have already eaten
- (16) Peter _____ football in the afternoon when he got the call. (play) → was playing

(17) "What _____ between 9 and 12 yesterday morning?" the detective said. (you do) → were you doing

(18) He kept looking at her, wondering where he _____ her before. (see) → saw

(19) The doctor's waiting room was full of people. Some _____ a magazine, a woman _____ and a child _____ with a doll. Suddenly the door _____ and a nurse _____ out. (read, knit, play, open, come) → are reading/is knitting/are playing/opened/came

(20) Travelling _____ much easier and more comfortable in the past hundred years. (become) → become

(21) I _____ cake. That's why my hands are full of flour. (bake) → am baking

(22) When I first came to this house it _____ quite a noisy area. (be) → was

(23) He twisted his ankle while he _____. (ski) → was skiing

(24) _____ the doors before you leave the house? (you ever lock) → have you ever locked

(25) My best friend and I _____ each other for 15 years. (know) → have known

(26) Jack usually _____ but he _____ when his father comes. (smoke, not smoke) → smokes/does not smoke

(27) _____ breakfast yet? – Yes I had it together with Sue at 7. (you have) → have you had

(28) I _____ this kind of work when I was a small boy. (do) → have done

(29) He _____ the paper when his wife came home. (read) → was reading

(30) I _____ for an hour now. I'll be finished soon. (speak) → have spoken

(31) How long _____ John and Maria? - We met the couple over thirteen years ago. (you know) → have you known

(32) He _____ in Oxford for two years and when his mother died he moved to London. (live) → has lived

(33) After Harry _____ his work he _____ Jude from the office. (finish, call) → finished/

(34) You _____ your homework for two hours. Haven't you finished yet? (do) → have done

(35) He always _____ to the supermarket alone, but today he _____ his son with him. (go, take) → goes/is going to take

(36) He never _____ in the evening, only on Sundays. (work) → works

(37) I _____ to South America but I have been to New York several times. (never, be) -> have never been

(38) _____ Jean? – No, she probably went to her friend's place. (anyone, see) → anyone saw

(39) I _____ to the bank yesterday but when I got there it was closed. (go) → went

(40) She _____ in school all day. (be) → is going to be/will be

(41) Lee _____ late every day since Tuesday. (be) → has been

(42) Herbert's father _____ his son's birthday. (never forget) → never forgets

(43) I _____ my report because I had a problem with my computer. (not finish) → have not finished

(44) My family have _____ (buy) some land in southern France recently. They _____ (build) a summer house there at the moment.
→ have bought/are building

(45) Andy and Mary _____ (go) to a concert tomorrow night. They _____ (look forward to) it the whole week. → are going to go/have looked forward to

(46) Jonathon _____ (watch) the news on TV every day and it _____ (help) him with his English./watches/helps

(47) My car _____ (break) down when I _____ (drive) home from work. I _____ (fix) it if I _____ (know) what was wrong. But I didn't so _____ (have) to take it to the garage. → broke/was driving/will fix/know/have

(48) When he _____ (found) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He _____ (already write) his first computer programme six years earlier. → found/has already written

(49) An accident _____ (happen) near my house last night. A car _____ (hit) a young man. He _____ (ride) his bike when someone in front of him suddenly _____ (open) a car door. Many people _____ (see) the accident. The police _____ (interrogate) them last night. → happened/hit/was riding/opened/saw/interrogated

(50) Mrs Smith said that one day she _____ (retire) from teaching. She said that she _____ (spend) her new free time learning about computers. → would retire/would spend

(51) I _____ (not sleep) at all last night. Someone _____ (listen) to music all night. → did not sleep/listened

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(probably enjoy) the film more. —> saw/did not enjoy/had not read/ko bt

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_____ (rob) a bank. —> rob

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the manager _____ (tell) them that there were no more tickets. —>

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_____ (lose) control of his car because he _____

(fall) asleep. —> was/lost/fell

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(start) to work in Marseille two years ago. —> has not seen/started

(57) I _____ (sleep) when the fire broke out. —> were sleeping

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come to the party the next day because she _____ (be) still sick.

—> would not can/has been

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_____ (read) the book. —> just saw/have you seen/have not

had/read

(60) My sister _____ (fly) home from London today. Her flight

_____ (arrive) in an hour so I _____ (leave) for the

airport right now to get there in time. —> flies/will arrive/leave

(61) Unless he _____ (sell) more he won't get much money. —>

sells

(62) While he _____ (wait) for the bus there _____

(be) a robbery at the bank. After the robbers _____ (go) away the

police _____ (come) but they _____ (not can) to catch them. —> was waiting/was/went/came/did not can

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(84) When we reach Land's End we _____ 1,500 km. (walk) —> will walk

(85) I just remembered that I _____ the rent yet. I'm surprised that the landlord _____ me up and reminded me. (not pay, not ring) —> have not paid/did not ring

(86) It's a beautiful drive. I am sure you _____ the scenery. (enjoy) —> will enjoy

(87) The car _____. If you get in Tom and I _____ you a push. (not start, give) —> do not start/will push

(88) I put the five-pound notes into one of the books; but the next day it _____ me ages to find it because I _____ which book I _____ it in. (take, forget, put) —> take(?)

(89) He _____ the bagpipes since six this morning. He _____ . (play, just stop) —> has just played/just stopped

(90) My son _____ work yet. He's still at High School. – How long _____ at school? - He _____ there for six years. Before that he _____ five years at primary school. (not start, he be, be, spend) —> has not started/has he been/has been/spend

(91) Mary: I wonder what he _____ now. Ann: Well, his girlfriend _____ from Japan too, so I suppose he _____ Japanese. (say, come, speak) (giuex nghyeen)

(92) When I first met him he _____ architecture. (study) —> was studying

(93) While we _____ someone _____ into the house and _____ us this note. (fish, break, leave) —> fished/broken/leaved

(94) It won't be easy to get out of the country. The police _____ all of the ports. (watch) —> watch

(95) If I catch some fish, _____ them for me? (you cook) —> will you cook

(96) He _____ to come. (not forget) —> do not forget

(97) It _____ for the last two hours so the game _____. (rain, be postponed) —> is going to rain/will be postponed

(98) When I _____ him he _____ a picture of his wife. – _____ it? (see, paint, you like) —> saw/saw painting/did you like

(99) The car had nobody in it but the engine _____. (run) —> ran

(100) Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt _____ it. (read) —> is reading

(101) This shop _____ for good next Monday. (close) —> closes

(102) Where _____ tonight? – I _____ out with Peter. (you go, go) —> will you go/will go

(103) At 3 a.m. Jane _____ up her husband and said that she _____ that someone _____ to get into the house. (wake, think, try) —> woke/thought/was trying

(104) When you see me next time I _____ my new sunglasses. (wear) —> will wear

(105) This bike _____ in our family for the last 14 years. My father _____ it for the first five years, then my brother _____ it and I _____ it since then. (be, use, ride, have) —> have been/used/rode/have had

(106) Some time ago I _____ that our mayor
_____ to go to Iceland. What _____ to do there?

(read, want, he want) —> read/has wanted/has he wanted

(107) You see, Doctor, she _____ ill two days ago and since then
she _____ anything. I'm sure she _____ several
kilos. (fall, not eat, lose) —> has fell/has not eaten/lost

(108) Most people _____ at work when the fire
_____. (be, start) —> were/started

(109) After five years of travelling through Asia I _____ back to
Europe next week. I _____ the flight. (go, already book) —> will
go/have already booked

(110) I saw him when he _____ the house. I _____
at the corner when he _____ by. He _____ a word
and I _____ a word either. (leave, just stand, pass, not say, not
say)—> was leaving/have just standed/passed/did not say/did not say

Exercise 2. Circle the correct answer

After Jonathan _____ his degree, she intends to work in an office.

- A. will finish
- B. will have finished
- C. finished
- D. is finishing

Lola looked down to discover a snake at her feet. When she saw it she _____.

- A. screamed
- B. was screaming
- C. had screamed
- D. screams

I borrowed four books on gardening the last time I _____ to the library.

- A. go
- B. went
- C. had gone
- D. have gone

By the time I go to bed tonight I _____ my work for the day.

- A. will finish
- B. have finished
- C. will have finished
- D. finish

Mark Twain _____ up in a small town in Mississippi.

- A. was growing up
- B. had grown up
- C. grew up
- D. has grown up

When my parents _____ tomorrow, they will see our new baby for the first time.

- A. will arrive
- B. arrive
- C. will have arrived
- D. arrived

Until you learn how to take a break, you _____ your ability to speak English.

- A. haven't improved

- B. aren't improving
- C. don't improve
- D. won't improve

My grandfather _____ in an airplane before, so this is his first time.

- A. never flies
- B. had never flown
- C. has never flown
- D. never flew

I _____ in this city since I was a small child.

- A. have been living
- B. am living
- C. had been living
- D. lived

While I _____ TV last night a small mouse ran across the room.

- A. watched
- B. have watched
- C. watch
- D. was watching

Jane isn't here yet. I _____ since noon but there is no sign of her.

- A. have waited
- B. am writing
- C. wait
- D. have been waiting

By the time my brother finally graduated from high school, he _____ seven different schools.

- A. attended
- B. was attending
- C. had attended
- D. had been attending

On June 20th I returned home. I _____ for almost two years.

- A. was away
- B. have been away
- C. am away
- D. had been away

When I got to the party, many people _____.

- A. were already dancing
- B. already danced
- C. had already danced
- D. have already danced

Before I started the car, all of the passengers _____ their seat belts.

- A. will buckle
- B. will have buckled
- C. had buckled
- D. buckle

Right now we _____ a heat wave. It's been so hot for almost a week.

- A. have
- B. have had

- C. have been having
- D. are having

When I go and see the doctor this afternoon I _____ him to take a look at my throat.

- A. will ask
- B. asked
- C. will have asked
- D. ask

I sent you the money almost a week ago but I still _____ any confirmation.

- A. hadn't received
- B. didn't receive
- C. haven't received
- D. am not receiving

After they _____ the race the celebrations began.

- A. won
- B. have won
- C. win
- D. had won

Our football team _____ a football match until last season, when the new coach came.

- A. never wins
- B. has never won
- C. had never won
- D. never won

I _____ all the questions correctly since I began the course.

- A. had answered
- B. have been answering
- C. have answered
- D. answered

It's against the law to kill whales. They _____ extinct.

- A. have become
- B. become
- C. became
- D. are becoming

Jim, why don't you take some time off. You _____ too hard lately.

- A. are working
- B. were working
- C. had been working
- D. have been working

Next month I have a week's vacation. I _____ on going on a trip to the Rockies.

- A. am planning
- B. have planned
- C. will plan
- D. will be planning

I'll be right with you as soon as I _____ my keys.

- A. will find

- B. found
- C. find
- D. will have found

Exercise 3: Complete the essay

ESSAY 1:

Herbie loves trains ! He first -> **SAW**_____ (SEE) a train when he was five years old and he **WAS**_____ (BE) absolutely fascinated. He **GOES**_____ (GO) to a different train station every week and **WRITES**_____ (WRITE) down the engine number of every train he sees. He **HAS DONE**_____ (DO) this since he was seven. By the time he left school he **COLLECTED**_____ (COLLECT) over 5000 different engine numbers from all over the world. At one time, while he **WAS** **STANDING**_____ (STAND) at a station he **SAW**_____ (SEE) something very strange. He **HAD WAITED** (*i have no idea*)_____ (WAIT) for a train for an hour when he suddenly **SAW**_____ (SEE) an old steam locomotive coming down the tracks. It **DID NOT** **STOP**_____ (NOT STOP) at the station and when it **PASSED**_____ (PASS) Herbie saw that all the passengers **WERE** **WEARING**_____ (WEAR) old-fashioned clothes. He told the station manager about this, but the manager said that no steam locomotive **HAD** **PASSED**_____ (PASS) through the station for years, and that the last one **CRASH** (*bi dong???*)_____ (CRASH) , killing everyone on board.

ESSAY 2:

I love travelling in the country, but I **DO NOT LIKE**_____ (NOT LIKE) losing my way. I

WENT_____ (GO) on a trip the other day, but my trip took me longer than I
 EXPECTED_____ (EXPECT). 'I'm going to Woodford Green', I
 SAID_____ (SAY) to the conductor as I GOT_____ (GET)
 on the bus, 'but I DO NOT KNOW_____ (NOT KNOW) where it is.' - 'I
 WILL TELL_____ (TELL) you where to get off,'
 ANSWERED_____ (ANSWER) the conductor. I
 SAT_____ (SIT) in front of the bus to get a good view of the
 countryside. After some time, the bus STOPPED_____ (STOP). I
 realized with a shock that I WERE_____ (BE) the only passenger left
 on the bus. 'You MUST GET_____ (MUST, GET) off here', the
 conductor said, 'This is as far as we go.' We WILL GIO_____ (GO)
 back now,' SAID_____ (SAY) the conductor.

ESSAY 3:

My friend, Herbert, has always been fat, but things HAVE BEEN
 GOT_____ (GET) so bad recently that he decided to go on a diet. He
 HAS BEGUN_____ (BEGIN) his diet a week ago. First of all, he
 WRITEN_____ (WRITE) out a long list of all the foods which were
 forbidden. The list included most of the food he LOVES_____ (LOVE)
 : butter, potato es, rice, beer milk , chocolate, sweets and so on. Yesterday, I
 PAID_____ (PAY) him a visit. I RANG_____ (RING) the
 bell and was not surprised to see Herbert as fat as ever. He
 LED_____ (LEAD) me to his room and hurriedly
 HID_____ (HIDE) a large parcel under his desk. He was very
 embarrassed. When I ASKED_____ (ASK) him what he HAD
 DONE_____ (DO) he SMILED_____ (SMILE) guiltily and
 then PUT_____ (PUT) the parcel on the desk. He

SHOWED_____ (**SHOW**) me the contents of the parcel. It contained five large bars of chocolate and three bags of sweets!