

## 7 Put the verbs in brackets into an appropriate past tense.

1. He **walked** (walk) to the front of the stage, **took** (take) a bow and **waved** (wave) to the audience.
2. We **did not enjoy** (not/enjoy) the play so we **left** (leave) early.
3. While the patients **were waiting** (wait) in the surgery, the doctor **was dealing** (deal) with a complicated case.
4. I'm starving - I **had** (have) breakfast over five hours ago.
5. In June 1979 they **built** (still / build) this shopping centre.
6. They **walked** (walk) to the water's edge, **waded** (wade) in and **swam** (swim) to the other side.
7. While the soldiers **were advancing** (advance) they did not realise that the enemy **was planning** (plan) a surprise attack.
8. She **had just set** (set) out for an appointment when the lights **went off** (go off).
9. By the time the police **located** (locate) the stolen car, the thieves **have already escaped** (already / escape) to France.
10. Her clothes were wet because she **walked** (walk) in the rain.

## 8 Put the verbs in brackets into an appropriate tense.

Jim (1) **was not looking** (not/look) forward to the exam. He (2) **had been studying** (study) for the past two months, and still (3) **did not feel** (not/feel) sure that he (4) **knew** (know) even half of what he should know. He (5) **had questioned** (question) his teachers repeatedly about the material that (6) **had appeared** (appear) on past exams, but he still (7) **was not** (not/be) convinced that anything he (8) **had learned** (learn) (9) **was** (be) relevant to this year's exam. He (10) **was still studying** (still/study) at seven o'clock in the morning on the day of the exam; he (11) **had revise** (revise) all night long, and (12) **felt** (feel) exhausted. In fact he (13) **was** (be) so tired that he (14) **fell** (fall) asleep in the middle of writing the exam, and (15) **woke up** (wake up) only just in time to finish it.

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In the last few years there (1) **has been** (be) a marked change in our attitude towards environmental issues. It (2) **started** (start) with scientists revealing that a hole (3) **was beginning** (begin) to develop in the ozone layer above the Arctic Circle; when people (4) **started** (start) to notice changes in the climate, it (5) **became** (become) obvious that there (6) **was** (be) a serious threat. Those of us who (7) **have ever used** (ever/use) an aerosol spray will presumably think twice before using one again. And what (8) **is going to happen** (happen) to all that nuclear waste we have produced? Presumably most of it (9) **has been dumped** (be/dump) into the sea, but the number of protesting voices (10) **is increasing** (increase) steadily year by year.

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If it (1) **hadn't been** (not/be) for Louis, Joan (2) **would never have survived** (never/survive) her trip to Paris last month. She (3) **hadn't meet** (not/meet) him before, but she (4) **was** (be) certainly glad that she had by the end of her stay. The first thing that (5) **happened** (happen) was that the hotel where she (6) **had planned** (plan) to stay (7) **had never received** (never/receive) her booking, so they had no room for her. Then, as she (8) **was trying** (try) to get a taxi to take her to another hotel, someone on a motorbike (9) **snatched** (snatch) her bag with all her tickets and credit cards in it. As her French (10) **was** (be) quite rusty, she (11) **did not know** (not/know) how to explain what (12) **had happened** (happen). It was then that Louis (13) **approached** (approach) her and (14) **introduced** (introduce) himself.

Structural Conversion

1. *I've never been given such a nice present.  
It's the nicest present I've ever been given.*
2. *He's never flown by Concordia before.  
It's the first time he's ever flown by Concordia.*
3. *It's a long time since he visited us.  
He hasn't visited us for a long time.*
4. *When did you leave school?  
How long ago did you leave school?  
How long is it since you left school?*
5. *The last time I saw her was a month ago.  
I haven't seen her for a month.*
6. *He joined the golf club ten months ago.  
He has been a member of the golf club for ten months.*
7. *It's a month since she moved to Austria.  
She moved to Austria a month ago.*
8. *She started English lessons a year ago.  
She has been doing English lessons for a year.  
It's a year since she started doing English lessons.*
9. *Having had dinner, I went to bed.  
After having dinner I went to bed.  
After I had had dinner, I went to bed.*
10. *I think there will be war soon.  
In my opinion, there is going to be war soon.  
If you ask me, there's bound to be war soon.  
In my estimation, war is imminent.*
11. *I don't believe he'll come.  
It's my belief that he won't come.  
I have a feeling that he won't come.  
There's no reason to believe that he'll come.*
12. *While I was walking down the street I saw Mary.  
While walking down the street, I saw Mary.  
When I was walking down the street, I saw Mary.*
13. *It was while I was walking down the street that I saw Mary.*
13. *Was there any response to his appeal?  
Did anyone respond to his appeal?  
Was his appeal responded to by anyone?*
14. *The race takes place tomorrow.  
The race will/is going to be held/take place tomorrow.*
15. *She started doing her homework as soon as her brother had left for school.  
She started doing her homework when her brother had left for school.  
She didn't start doing her homework until her brother had left for school.  
She waited until her brother had left for school before she started doing her homework.  
Not until her brother had left for school did she start doing her homework.*
16. *When did you last have a haircut?  
When was the last time you had a haircut?*
17. *She wrote the book while she was on holiday.  
She wrote the book during her holiday.*
18. *I only slept for an hour last night.  
I only had an hour's sleep last night.*
19. *It is certain that he'll pass his exams.  
There is no doubt that he'll pass his exams.  
He is bound to pass his exams.*

11 Finish the following sentences without changing the meaning of the sentences printed before them.

1. It's weeks since I last went to the countryside.  
I haven't **been to the countryside for weeks.**
2. Our school has never held a Christmas party before. **It's the first time our school has held a Christmas party.**  
It's .....
3. They began building the tunnel eighteen months ago. **They began building the tunnel eighteen months ago.**  
They have .....
4. When was the planet Pluto discovered? **How long is it since the planet Pluto was discovered?**  
How .....
5. He has never felt so embarrassed before. **He has never felt so embarrassed before.**  
It's .....
6. They raided the fridge as soon as their mother had left. **They raided the fridge as soon as their mother had left.**  
They didn't .....
7. I've never met such an immature person! **I've never met such an immature person.**  
She's the .....

8. France hasn't won a gold medal in this sport for a long time. It's a long time since France won a gold medal in this sport.  
It's a .....
9. I started studying law two years ago. I have been studying law for two years.  
I have .....
10. How long ago did you realise the truth? How long is it since you realised the truth?  
How long is it .....
11. The doctor didn't start the operation until the anaesthetic had taken effect. The doctor waited until the anaesthetic had taken effect before starting the operation.  
The doctor waited .....
12. He realised his mistake when it was too late. He didn't realise his mistake until it was too late.  
He didn't .....
13. It's the most ridiculous suggestion I've ever heard! I've never heard such a ridiculous suggestion!  
I've never .....
14. When did you last see Paul? When was the last time you saw Paul?  
When was .....
15. After he had finished his homework, he went for a walk. Having finished his homework, he went for a walk.  
Having .....

**12** Fill in the blanks with a suitable word or phrase practising various tenses.

1. By the end of next year she **will have been in** London for three years.
2. Since I came to work, you **you have done** nothing but complain!
3. As soon as they **realised it had been** stolen, they called the police.
4. We drove very slowly because snow **was falling** heavily.
5. That author's new book **is going to be published** next month.
6. We didn't realise we'd forgotten the tickets until **we got** to the airport.
7. By December 15th we **will have been** in Greece for two months.
8. She **has been working** since 6 o'clock and still hasn't finished her homework.
9. Don't put too much in that bag or **it will break**.
10. Don't phone Mark now - it's late and he **will be in** bed.

**13** For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way.

e.g. Photography interests me.

**FIND**

I find photography interesting.

1. I believe it's going to rain.  
**FEELING** I have a feeling it's going to rain.
2. I haven't been to the cinema for weeks.  
**TIME** It's been a long time since I went to the cinema.
3. The contest takes place tomorrow.  
**HELD** The contest will be held tomorrow.
4. She started cleaning as soon as the children had left.  
**UNTIL** She didn't start cleaning until the children had left.
5. It's certain that they'll be late.  
**BOUND** They are bound to be late.
6. Was her call answered by anyone?  
**ANSWER**