

TENSES**Exercise – 1**

Choose the correct verb form from those in brackets:

1. The earth _____ round the sun. (move, moves, moved)
2. My friends _____ the Prime Minister yesterday. (see, have seen, saw)
3. I _____ him only one letter up to now. (sent, have sent, shall send)
4. I shall telephone you when he _____ back. (comes, will come, came)
5. It started to rain while we _____ tennis. (are playing, were playing, had played)
6. Can I have some milk before I _____ to bed? (go, am going, shall go)
7. He _____ asleep while he was driving. (falls, fell, has fallen)
8. I'm sure I _____ him at the party last night. (saw, have seen, had seen).
9. He _____ a mill in this town. (have, has, is having)
10. He _____ here for the last five years. (worked, is working, has been working)
11. He thanked me for what I _____. (have done, had done, have been doing)
12. I _____ a strange noise. (hear, am hearing, have been hearing)
13. I _____ him for a long time. (know, have known, am knowing)
14. We _____ English for five years. (study, am studying, have been studying)
15. Don't disturb me. I _____ my homework. (do, did, am doing)
16. Abdul _____ to be a doctor. (wants, wanting, is wanting)
17. I _____ forty next birthday. (am, shall be, have been)
18. If you _____ at once, you will arrive by six o'clock. (start, started will start)
19. He _____ out five minutes ago. (has gone, had gone, went)
20. When he lived in Hyderabad, he _____ to the cinema once a week. (goes, went, was going)

Exercise – 2

Choose the correct alternative from those given in brackets:

1. The Headmaster _____ to speak to you. (wants, is wanting, was wanting)
2. I _____ a new bicycle last week. (bought, have bought, had bought)
3. Here are your shoes, I _____ them, (just clean, just cleaned, have just cleaned)
4. It _____ since early morning. (rained, is raining, has been raining)
5. I _____ a lot of work today. (did, have done, had done)
6. I _____ something burning. (smell, am smelling, have been smelling)
7. He will explain it to you when he _____ back. (comes, will come, came)

8. She _____ unconscious since four o'clock. (is, was, has been)
9. He used to visit us every week, but he _____ now. (rarely comes, is rarely coming, has rarely come)
10. If he _____ of your marriage, he will be surprised. (hears, will hear, heard)
11. Every day last week my aunt _____ a plate. (breaks, broke, was breaking)
12. I know all about that film because I _____ it twice. (was, have seen, had seen)
13. My uncle _____ tomorrow. (arrives, will have been arriving)
14. I _____ him since we met a year ago. (didn't see, haven't seen, hadn't seen)
15. We _____ our breakfast half an hour ago. (finished, have finished, had finished)
16. She jumped off the bus while it _____. (moved, had moved, was moving)
17. When we went to the cinema, the film _____ (already started, had already started, would already start)
18. When I pay him tomorrow, he _____ everything I owe him. (has received, has been receiving, will have received)
19. Did you think you _____ me somewhere before? (have seen, had seen, were seeing)
20. The town _____ its appearance completely since 1960. (is changing, changed, has changed)
21. When I get home my dog _____ at the waiting for me. (sits, will be sitting, has been sitting)
22. We can't have a fire here until we _____ the chimney. (sweep, shall sweep, shall be sweeping)
23. I meant to repair the radio, but _____ time to do it today (am not having, haven't had, hadn't)
24. The train _____ before we reach the station. (left, has left, will have left)
25. Men _____ to abolish wars up to now, but may be they will find a way in the future. (never managed, have never managed, will have never managed)

Exercise – 3

In the following sentences change the verbs to the Past Tense:

1. Rama writes to his mother every week.
2. The wind blows furiously.
3. The boy stands on the burning deck.
4. The door files open.
5. She sings sweetly.
6. The old woman sits in the sun.

7. Abdul swims very well indeed.
8. His voice shakes with emotion.
9. He drives a roaring trade.
10. He bears a grudge against his old uncle.
11. He spends his time in idleness.
12. He feels sorry for his faults.
13. A portrait of Gladstone hangs on the wall.
14. The kite files gaily into the air.
15. He wears away his youth in trifles.
16. What strikes me is the generosity of the offer.
17. He sows the seeds of dissension.
18. They all tell the same story.
19. He lies in order to escape punishment
20. He comes of a good line.

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1. Moves	2. Saw
3. Have sent	4. Comes/is looking
5. Were playing	6. Go
7. Fell	8. Saw
9. Has	10. Has been working
11. Had done	12. Hear
13. Have known	14. Have been studying
15. Am doing	16. Wants
17. Shall be	18. Start
19. Went	20. Went

Exercise – 2

1. Wants	2. Bought
3. Have just cleaned	4. Has been raining
5. Have done/did	6. Smell
7. comes	8. Has been
9. Rarely comes	10. Hears
11. Broke	12. Have seen
13. Arrives, Will be arriving, Will have been arriving	14. Haven't seen
15. Finished	16. Was moving
17. Had already started	18. Will have received
19. Had seen	20. Has changed
21. Will be waiting	22. Sweep
23. Haven't had	24. Left
25. Have never managed	

Exercise – 3

1. Wrote	2. Blew	3. Stood	4. Opened
5. Sang	6. Sat	7. Swam	8. Shook
9. Drove	10. Bore	11. Spent	12. Felt
13. Hung	14. Flew	15. Wore	16. Struck, was
17. Sowed	18. Told	19. Lied	20. Came