

TIME LINKERS

► Practice 3. Verb tenses in adverb clauses of time. (Charts 17-1 and 17-2)

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. After Ismael ____ his degree, he plans to seek employment in an engineering firm.
a. will finish b. finishes c. is going to finish d. is finishing
2. By the time Colette leaves work today, she ____ the budget report.
a. will finish b. finishes c. will have finished d. had finished
3. When my aunt ____ at the airport tomorrow, I'll be at work, so I can't pick her up.
a. will arrive b. arrived c. will have arrived d. arrives
4. Natasha heard a small "meow" and looked down to discover a kitten at her feet. When she saw it, she ____.
a. is smiling b. had smiled c. smiled d. smiles
5. Ahmed has trouble keeping a job. By the time Ahmed was thirty, he ____ eight different jobs.
a. has b. was having c. had had d. had been having
6. Maria waits until her husband, Al, ____ to work before she calls her friends on the phone.
a. will go b. went c. will have gone d. goes
7. I went to an opera at Lincoln Center the last time I ____ to New York City.
a. go b. went c. had gone d. have gone
8. When the police arrived, the building was empty. The thieves ____ and escaped through an unlocked window.
a. will have b. have entered c. had entered d. were entering
9. It seems that whenever I try to take some quiet time for myself, the phone ____.
a. has been ringing b. rings c. is ringing d. has rung
10. I'll invite the Thompsons to the potluck dinner the next time I ____ them.
a. see b. will see c. will have seen d. have seen
11. I ____ hard to help support my family ever since I was a child.
a. worked b. work c. am working d. have worked
12. A small rabbit ran across the path in front of me as I ____ through the woods.
a. was walking b. had walked c. am walking d. had been walking

► Practice 4. Verb tense review. (Chart 17-2)

Write "1" before the event that happened first. Write "2" before the event that happened second. Write "S" for *same* if the events happened at the same time.

1. As soon as it stopped snowing, the children ran out to go sledding in the fresh snow.
 1 It stopped snowing.
 2 The children ran out to go sledding.
2. I'll call you as soon as we arrive at the motel.
 ____ I'll call you.
 ____ We arrive at the hotel.
3. We turned on the heat when it got cold.
 ____ It got cold.
 ____ We turned on the heat.

4. We will turn on the heat when it gets cold.
____ We will turn on the heat.
____ It will get cold.
5. By the time Sharon gets home from Africa, she will have been away for two years.
____ Sharon gets home.
____ She will have been away.
6. By the time Marc graduated from medical school, he had been studying for 20 years.
____ He had been studying.
____ Marc graduated from medical school.
7. We were crying while we were watching the movie.
____ We were crying.
____ We were watching the movie.
8. When I have some news, I'll tell you.
____ I have some news.
____ I'll tell you.

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| 1. b | 7. b |
| 2. c | 8. c |
| 3. d | 9. b |
| 4. c | 10. a |
| 5. c | 11. d |
| 6. d | 12. a |

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| 1. 1, 2 | 5. 2, 1 |
| 2. 2, 1 | 6. 1, 2 |
| 3. 1, 2 | 7. S |
| 4. 2, 1 | 8. 1, 2 |