

English verb tenses

Choose the best answer among A, B, C, or D.

1. When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living
2. We _____ Dorothy since last Saturday.
A. don't see B. haven't seen C. didn't see D. hadn't seen
3. The train _____ half an hour ago.
A. has been leaving B. left C. has left D. had left
4. Jack _____ the door.
A. has just painted B. paint C. will have painted D. painting
5. My sister _____ for you since yesterday.
A. is looking B. was looking C. has been looking D. looked
6. I _____ Texas State University now.
A. am attending B. attend C. was attending D. attended
7. He has been selling motorbikes _____.
A. ten years ago B. since ten years C. for ten years ago D. for ten years
8. Christopher Columbus _____ American more than 500 years ago.
A. discovered B. has discovered C. had discovered D. had been discovering
9. He fell down when he _____ towards the church.
A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run
10. We _____ there when our father died.
A. still lived B. lived still C. was still lived D. were still living
11. They _____ table tennis when their father comes back home.
A. will play B. will be playing C. play D. would play
12. By Christmas, I _____ for Mr. Smith for six years.
A. shall have been working B. shall work C. have been working D. shall be working
13. I _____ in the room right now.
A. am being B. was being C. have been being D. am
14. I _____ to New York three times this year.
A. have been B. was C. were D. had been
15. I'll come and see you before I _____ for the States.
A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave
16. The little girl asked what _____ to her friend.
A. has happened B. happened C. had happened D. would have been happened
17. John _____ a book when I saw him.
A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. reading
18. He said he _____ return later.
A. will B. would C. can D. would be
19. Jack _____ the door.
A. has just opened B. open C. will have opened D. opening
20. I have been waiting for you _____.
A. since early morning B. since 9a.m C. for two hours D. All are correct
21. Almost everyone _____ for home by the time we arrived.
A. leave B. left C. leaves D. had left
22. By the age of 25, he _____ two famous novels.
A. wrote B. writes C. has written D. had written
23. While her husband was in the army, Mary _____ to him twice a week.
A. was reading B. wrote C. was written D. had written
24. I couldn't cut the grass because the lawn mower _____ a few days previously.
A. broke down B. has been broken C. had broken down D. breaks down

- 25. I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I _____ to play.**
A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying
- 26. Since _____, I have heard nothing from him.**
A. he had left B. he left C. he has left D. he was left
- 27. After I _____ lunch, I looked for my bag.**
A. had B. had had C. have has D. have had
- 28. By the end of next year, George _____ English for two years.**
A. will have learned B. will learn C. has learned D. would learn
- 29. The man got out of the car, _____ round to the back and opened the book.**
A. walking B. walked C. walks D. walk
- 30. Henry _____ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.**
A. was going B. went C. has gone D. did go