

UNIT 1: HOME LIFE

OPTIONAL LESSON 1– FURTHER PRACTICE ON BASIC TENSES

PRACTICE:

EXERCISE 1: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences.

1. We _____ Dorothy since last Saturday.
A. don't see B. haven't seen C. didn't see D. hadn't seen
2. I _____ Texas State University at the present.
A. was attending B. attend C. am attending D. attended
3. Christopher Columbus _____ American more than 500 years ago.
A. discovered B. had been discovering C. had discovered D. has discovered
4. When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living
5. Almost everyone _____ for home by the time we arrived.
A. leave B. left C. leaves D. had left
6. This is the first time I _____ skiing.
A. will go B. went C. have gone D. am going
7. He always _____ for a walk in the morning.
A. go B. is going C. goes D. going
8. Our English teacher _____ that lesson to us tomorrow.
A. explains B. will explain C. explained D. has explained
9. How long _____ you _____ her?
A. do/ know B. are/ knowing – For five months.
C. had/ known D. have/ known
10. It is seven years since we _____.
A. last talked to Daisy B. have talked to Daisy C. talked to last Daisy D. last talked Daisy

EXERCISE 2: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

11. For the past two years I did a lot of things.
A B C D
12. Human had struggled against weeds since the beginning of agriculture.
A B C D
13. Some people are believing there is life on other planets.
A B C D
14. When my cat heard a noise in the bushes, she stopped moving and listen intently.
A B C D
15. She is very lazy, she almost never help her mother with the household chores.
A B C D

EXERCISE 3: Choose the sentence that is CLOSEST in meaning to the sentence given.

16. **He started learning French six years ago.**
A. He has learned French for six years.
B. It was six years ago did he start learning French.
C. He hasn't learnt French for six years.
D. It is six years since he has learnt French.
17. **The last time I went to the museum was a year ago.**
A. I have not been to the museum for a year. B. A year ago, I often went to the museum.
C. My going to the museum lasted a year. D. At last I went to the museum after a year.

18. **This is the first time I have attended such an enjoyable wedding party.**

- A. The first wedding party I attended was enjoyable.
- B. I had the first enjoyable wedding party.
- C. My attendance at the first wedding party was enjoyable.
- D. I have never attended such an enjoyable wedding party before.

19. **I have not met her for three years.**

- A. The last time I met her was three years ago.
- B. It is three years when I will meet her.
- C. I did not meet her three years ago.
- D. During three years, I met her once.

20. **I haven't seen my aunt for years.**

- A. I haven't met my aunt for long ago.
- B. The last time I met my aunt was since years ago.
- C. I last saw my aunt years ago.
- D. I didn't see my aunt years ago.