

## VERB TENSE

### Choose the best answer

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ at the station for 90 minutes when the train finally arrived.  
A. were waiting      B. will be learning      C. had been waiting      D. are learning
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ for her ring for two hours and then we found it in the bathroom.  
A. had been looking      B. were looking      C. will be learning      D. have been learning
3. Frank Sinatra caught the flu because he \_\_\_\_\_ in the rain too long.  
A. was singing      B. will be learning      C. is singing      D. had been singing
4. When police were investigating the road accident, they discovered that the driver \_\_\_\_\_ two road accidents before.  
A. had been involved in      B. had been being involved in  
C. will be involving in      D. will have involved in
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ anyone while they were walking home because it was raining.  
A. weren't seeing      B. hadn't see      C. didn't see      D. weren't seen
6. Although at that time my knowledge of German was very poor, I \_\_\_\_\_ most of what they said.  
A. understood      B. have understood  
C. managed to understand      D. didn't understand
7. We watched the film The Godfather last night. We had seen the film about 3 times before but we watched it again because John \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
A. had been seeing      B. had never seen      C. have never seen      D. have been eating
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly 100 kilometres before we finally found a service station we could stop at.  
A. had driven      B. have been driving      C. had been driving      D. have driven
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ a student in Moloxop School in 1998.  
A. was      B. were      C. to be      D. to was
10. When I got home I realised that while I \_\_\_\_\_ someone had stolen my wallet.  
A. had walked      B. have been walking      C. have walked      D. had been walking
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital to visit Mike when he \_\_\_\_\_ to say that he was fine.  
A. were driving - was calling      B. drove - called  
C. were driving - called      D. drove - was calling
12. What \_\_\_\_\_ to you on Sunday night?  
A. happen      B. happened      C. was happening      D. would happen
13. Last night, we \_\_\_\_\_ for you for ages but you never \_\_\_\_\_ up.  
A. waited - showed      B. would wait - showed  
C. were waiting - were showing      D. waited - was showing
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ our quality time when the unexpected guest \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. had - came      B. were having - came  
C. had been having - came      D. have had - would have come
15. Since they \_\_\_\_\_ us they \_\_\_\_\_ to visit us last Sunday, we \_\_\_\_\_ forward to the day.  
A. were telling - came - looked      B. would tell - would visit - would look  
C. told - would come - were looking      D. tell - are coming - will look
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ out last night but at the last minute I \_\_\_\_\_ that I had a quiz this morning  
A. was going - realized      B. went - realized

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purse had been stolen.

A. discovers                      B. would discover              C. had discovered              D. has discovered

34. My father \_\_\_\_\_ to rent a car when one of his friends phoned him to offer his own car for the trip.

A. had decided                      B. was deciding                      C. has decided                      D. decided

35. When he \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ on a bed in a room with no windows.

A. had woken up - was lying                      B. woke up - was lying  
C. wakes up - is lying                      D. woke up - lay

36. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to the class before the students \_\_\_\_\_ the problems.

A. will come back - have solved                      B. had come back - solved  
C. came back - have solved                      D. is coming back - solve

37. Yesterday on TV they \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy shower for today, but I \_\_\_\_\_ even a single drop yet.

A. announced - am not seeing                      B. announced - didn't see  
C. have announced - haven't seen                      D. announced - haven't seen

38. You don't have to worry about the children, they \_\_\_\_\_ all about this by the end of the semester.

A. will be forgetting                      B. will have forgotten  
C. will forget                      D. are going to forget

39. I've just noticed that she \_\_\_\_\_ a haircut. It \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful.

A. will have - has looked                      B. had had - looked  
C. has had - looks                      D. had - is looking

40. While she \_\_\_\_\_ for her sister outside the supermarket, someone \_\_\_\_\_ her handbag.

A. had to wait - had stolen                      B. waited - had been stealing  
C. had waited - was stealing                      D. was waiting - stole