

BÀI TẬP VỀ THÌ CỦA ĐỘNG TỪ

Exercise 1: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. She came into the room while they _____ television.
A. watched B. have watched C. are watching D. would have
2. I _____ a headache since yesterday.
A. had B. was having C. have had D. would have
3. The teacher _____ into the room.
A. has still come B. has already come
C. has yet come D. has recently come
4. When he failed to meet us, we _____ without him.
A. left B. would leave C. was leaving D. has left
5. He _____ book the tickets, but we had no time to call at the cinema.
A. would B. will C. is going to D. was going to
6. Peter has been trying for an hour, but his car still _____ start.
A. won't B. wouldn't C. didn't D. hasn't
7. It's an hour since he _____, so he must be at the office now.
A. is leaving B. was leaving C. has left D. left
8. Most students _____ hard for the last few weeks.
A. were working B. worked C. are working D. have been working
9. He _____ up his mind yet.
A. didn't make B. hasn't made C. wasn't made D. wasn't making
10. The baby _____ non-stop for the last two hours.
A. cried B. was crying C. is crying D. has been crying

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. The girl weeps whenever she _____ such a story.
A. hears B. has heard C. will hear D. heard
2. As soon as we _____ this new apartment, we _____.
A. are finding – will move B. found – moved
C. would find – move D. find – would move
3. My teacher arrived after we _____ for him for ten years.
A. was waiting B. have waited C. had waited D. waited
4. This is the first time I _____ to play badminton.
A. have tried B. am trying C. was trying D. would be trying
5. She _____ here but she doesn't work here now.
A. has worked B. had work C. used to work D. used to working
6. Jack went out, but he _____ anyone where he was going.
A. doesn't tell B. not told C. want's telling D. didn't tell
7. London _____ the capital of the United Kingdom.
A. is B. was C. will be D. is being
8. Someone _____ at the door. Can you hear it?
A. knocks B. is knocking C. will knock D. was knocking
9. What are you cooking in that saucepan? It _____ good.
A. smells B. is smelling C. smelled D. has smelled
10. I used to swim in this river when I _____ young.
A. am B. was C. will be D. have been

Exercise 3: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. By the year 2050, many people currently employed _____ their jobs.
A. have lost B. will be losing C. will have lost D. are losing
2. Susan _____ at a nurse for three years before her marriage.
A. has been working B. has worked C. worked D. is working

3. Since they had that big argument, he crosses the street whenever he ____ her.
A. saw B. sees C. will see D. is seeing
4. This time tomorrow I ____ in the swimming pool.
A. am relaxing B. relax C. will be relaxing D. relaxed
5. At the end of this month, we ____ here for ten years.
A. will have been living B. are living
C. live D. will be living
6. The beach was so crowded the other day that we ____ difficulty finding an empty spot.
A. have B. have had C. had D. have been living
7. Robert ____ for the company for very long before he was promoted.
A. hasn't been working B. didn't work
C. hadn't been working D. wasn't working
8. ____? Your eyes are red.
A. Did you cry B. Have you been cried
C. Were you crying D. Have you been crying
9. He looked tired because he ____ for six hours.
A. ran B. was running C. has been running D. had been running
10. In 1875 archeologists ____ the ruins of the Olympic Stadium in Greece.
A. discovered B. were discovering C. have discovered D. had discovered

Exercise 4: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. We ____ very hard at the office lately as we are negotiating an important contract.
A. are working B. were working C. have been working D. had been working
2. You can't believe a word he says. He ____.
A. always lies B. is always lying C. has always lied D. will always lie
3. I often find things on the beach. I ____ this very old bottle yesterday.
A. found B. was finding C. had found D. had been finding
4. They ____ the new bridge by the end of the year.
A. will complete B. will have completed
C. have completed D. had been completing
5. He said he ____ his homework since 7 o'clock.
A. did B. has done C. had been done D. had been doing
6. A taxi collided with his car ten minutes ago but the police ____ yet.
A. has not come B. have not come C. did not come D. had not come
7. At this moment tomorrow night I ____ on a ship.
A. sleep B. shall sleep C. shall be slept D. shall be sleeping
8. Before leaving home in the morning, she ____ her mother she ____ in the factory that afternoon.
A. had told – would work B. told – would work
C. told – works D. had told - worked
9. Before you mentioned him, I ____ of that author.
A. never hear B. have never heard
C. had never heard D. never heard
10. By the end of this year, Tom ____ English for three years.
A. will be studying B. has studied
C. will have studied D. has been studying

Exercise 5: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. By the time you finish cooking they ____ their homework.
A. will have done B. are doing C. have been doing D. have done
2. Can you tell me how ____?
A. they escaped B. they were escaped
C. did they escaped D. have they escaped

3. "Does Tom own that car?" "No, I think his brother _____ it now."
 A. has owned B. is owning C. owns D. can own
4. Fish _____ on the earth for ages.
 A. exists B. are existing C. exist D. have existed
5. Firemen _____ to receive an increase in pay next month.
 A. will be B. are C. have been D. would be
6. How many times _____ him since he went to Hanoi?
 A. have you seen B. do you see C. did you see D. had you seen
7. He _____ as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he _____ and went to live in the country.
 A. worked – retired B. had been working – retired
 C. has worked – had retired D. had been working – had retired
8. He wrote to her a month ago, but I'm sure he _____ since then.
 A. has not written B. didn't write
 C. was not writing D. was not written
9. How many lessons _____ before you passed your tests?
 A. did you have B. do you have
 C. have you had D. were you having
10. How _____ to stop in time when that car shot out in front of you?
 A. did you manage B. were you managing
 C. do you manage D. had you managed

Exercise 6: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I do not feel good. I _____ home from work tomorrow.
 A. am staying B. will be staying C. will have stayed D. stayed
2. I'm sorry for keeping you waiting. I _____ to make a telephone call to London.
 A. have tried B. will try C. tried D. have been trying
3. I cannot begin sewing my dress until my mother _____ it out for me.
 A. will cut B. cut C. has cut D. will be cutting
4. I _____ everywhere for the pen I _____ yesterday.
 A. am searching – had lost B. searched – lost
 C. have searched – lost D. searched – has lost
5. In a few minutes' time, when the clock strikes six, I _____ here for three hours.
 A. waited B. will have been waiting
 C. have waited D. have been waiting
6. I _____ sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.
 A. am wearing B. wear
 C. have been wearing D. have worn
7. The car stopped for the children who _____ to cross the road.
 A. were waiting B. had waited C. had been waiting D. waited
8. Their football team _____ a championship until last season.
 A. has never won B. is never winning
 C. had never been winning D. had never won
9. After ancient Greek athletes won a race in the Olympics, they _____ a simple crown of olive leaves.
 A. received B. had received C. were receiving D. have received
10. Even though they _____ for a flat for a month, they _____ able to find one anywhere.
 A. is looking – are not B. have looked – are not
 C. have been looking – have not been D. have been looked – have not been

Exercise 7: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

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. Be careful! 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. locked
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 _____ America more than 500 years ago.
A. discovered B. has discovered C. had discovered D. had ben 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 living D. were still living

Exercise 8: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. They _____ table tennis when their father comes back home.
A. will play B. will be playing C. play D. would play
2. 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
3. I _____ in the room right now.
A. am being B. was being C. have been being D. am
4. I _____ to New York three times this year.
A. have been B. was C. were D. had been
5. I'll come and see you before I _____ for the States.
A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave
6. The little girl asked what _____ to her friend.
A. has happened B. happened C. had happened D. would have been happened
7. John _____ a book when I saw him.
A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. reading
8. He said he _____ return later.
A. will B. would C. can D. would be
9. Our teacher told us yesterday that he _____ England in 2004.
A. was visited B. visited C. has visited D. would be visiting
10. I have been waiting for you _____.
A. since early morning B. since 9 a.m. C. for two hours D. All are correct.

Exercise 9: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

- Oil _____ if you pour it on water.
A. floated B. floats C. will be floated D. float
- The movie was very boring and many people began to leave early. By the end, most people _____.
A. had already left B. were already leaving
C. were already left D. had already been leaving
- The dancing club _____ north of this district.
A. lays B. lies C. locates D. lain
- Almost everyone _____ for home by the time we arrived.
A. leave B. left C. leaves D. had left
- By the age of 25, he _____ two famous novels.
A. wrote B. writes C. has written D. had written
- While her husband was in the army, Mary _____ to him twice a week.
A. was writting B. wrote C. was written D. had written
- 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
- Up to then I _____ such a fat man.
A. never saw B. had never seen C. never had seen D. will never see
- I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I _____ to play.
A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying
- Since _____, I have heard nothing from him.
A. he had left B. he left C. he has left D. he was left

Exercise 10: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

- After I _____ lunch, I looked for my bag.
A. had B. had had C. has had D. have had
- By the end of next year, George _____ English for ten years.
A. will have learned B. will learn
C. has learned D. would learn
- The man got out of the car, _____ round to the back and opened the boot.
A. walking B. walked C. walks D. walk
- For several years, his ambition _____ to become a pilot.
A. is B. has been C. was D. had been
- Henry _____ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.
A. was going B. went C. was D. had been
- He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he _____ dinner.
A. finish B. finishes C. will finish D. shall have finished
- Before you asked, the letter _____.
A. was written B. had been written C. had written D. has been written
- I shall be glad when he _____.
A. had gone B. did go C. went D. has gone
- Ask her to come and see me when she _____ her work.
A. finish B. has finished C. finished D. finishing
- After you finish your work, you _____ a break.
A. should take B. have taken C. might have taken D. takes