

## TENSES + PRACTICE

### Ex1. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

1. He was writing to his friend when he \_\_\_\_\_ a noise.  
A. was hearing      B. heard      C. had heard      D. hears
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ many people since I came here in June.  
A. met      B. has met      C. was meeting      D. have met
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ maths at this time last week.  
A. were learning      B. are learning      C. was learning      D. learnt
4. She was playing games while he \_\_\_\_\_ a football match.  
A. watched      B. watches      C. was watching      D. watching
5. \_\_\_\_\_ he playing football now?  
A. Will      B. Does      C. Was      D. Is
6. Every morning, I often sit in my garden and \_\_\_\_\_ to my nightingale sing.  
A. listening      B. listen      C. listened      D. listens
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ school when she was six.  
A. start      B. started      C. has started      D. are starting
8. I. \_\_\_\_\_ TV when the telephone rang.  
A. watched      B. was watching      C. are watching      D. have watched
9. A: You're just missed the last train!  
B: Never mind, I \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. will walk      B. will be walking      C. walk      D. will have walked
10. Clare \_\_\_\_\_ five years old next month.  
A. is going to be      B. will be      C. will have been      D. is

### Ex2. Choose the underlined part among A, B, C or D that needs correcting.

1. When I walk past the park, I saw some children play football.  
A      B      C      D
2. After John eaten dinner, he wrote several letters and went to bed.  
A      B      C      D
3. What did you do at 9 o'clock last night? I phoned you but nobody answered.  
A      B      C      D
4. When I arrived at the station, the train has already left.  
A      B      C      D
5. Ann and Susan have known each other during they were at school.  
A      B      C      D
6. She has disappeared three days ago, and they are still looking for her now.  
A      B      C      D
7. After Mrs. Wang had returned to her house from work, she was cooking dinner  
A      B      C      D
8. It's the first time I saw this film  
A      B      C      D
9. After he graduates from university, he joined the army.  
A      B      C      D
10. Up to now, there had been no woman being chosen the US president.  
A      B      C      D

**Ex3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentences which is closest in meaning to the given one.**

1. They last visited me five years ago.
  - A. They haven't visited me for a long time.
  - B. They have known me for five years.
  - C. I haven't been visited for a long time.
  - D. They haven't visited me for five years.
2. Mike turned off the light, then he went to bed.
  - A. Before Mike went to bed, he had turned off the light.
  - B. Before Mike turned off the light, he had gone to bed.
  - C. After Mike had gone to bed, he turned off the light.
  - D. Mike turned off the light as soon as he had gone to bed.
3. I haven't visited the museum for three months.
  - A. It is three months since I have visited the museum.
  - B. I didn't visit the museum three months ago.
  - C. The last time I had visited the museum was three months ago.
  - D. It is three months since I visited the museum.
4. "John began playing the piano 10 years ago"
  - A. John played the piano 10 years ago.
  - B. John has played the piano for 10 years.
  - C. John used to play the piano 10 years ago.
  - D. John doesn't play the piano anymore
5. The last time I saw her was a week ago.
  - A. I haven't seen her for a week.
  - B. I have seen her for a week.
  - C. I haven't seen her since a week.
  - D. I have seen her since a week.
6. I haven't enjoyed myself so much for years.
  - A. It's years since I enjoyed myself so much.
  - B. It's years since I have enjoyed myself so much.
  - C. It was years since I had enjoyed myself so much.
  - D. It has been years since I have enjoyed myself so much.
7. It's a long time since we last went to the cinema.
  - A. We have been to the cinema for a long time.
  - B. We haven't been to the cinema for a long time.
  - C. We don't go to the cinema as we used to.
  - D. We wish we went to the cinema now.
8. The last time I saw Rose was three years ago.
  - A. I didn't see Rose for three years.
  - B. I haven't seen Rose three years ago.
  - C. I haven't seen Rose since three years.
  - D. I haven't seen Rose for three years
9. My father hasn't smoked cigarettes for a month.
  - A. It's a month since my father last smoked cigarettes.
  - B. It's a month ago that my father smoked cigarettes.
  - C. It's a month that my father hasn't smoked cigarettes.

D. It's a cigarette that my father smoked a month ago.

10. Mr. Brown bought this car five years ago.

- A. Mr. Brown started to buy this car five years ago
- B. Mr. Brown has had this car for five years.
- C. It has been five years when Mr. Brown bought this car
- D. It is five years ago since Mr. Brown bought this car.