

Verb tense practice

Fill in the blank with the correct tense of the verb in brackets

Last year, I _____ (go) on vacation to Thailand with a few of my friends. We _____ (stay) in a 5-star hotel, _____ (visit) Buddhist temples and museums, and _____ (relax) on the beach. One day, we _____ (decide) _____ (go) to the market. While we _____ (look) at all the beautiful hand-crafted items, I _____ (see) a stand with designer handbags. Of course, I _____ (stop) _____ (look) at the souvenirs and _____ (run) over there. I _____ (cannot) believe the prices; everything _____ (be) so cheap. They _____ (have) Versace bags for a quarter of the normal price, so I _____ (buy) 4.

When we _____ (be) at customs in the airport, the luggage controller _____ (ask) me about the Versace handbags. I _____ (tell) him that I _____ (buy) them at the market. He said that the bags _____ (be) counterfeit and that I _____ (must) pay a \$5000 fine or go to prison. I was so _____ (embarrass) because I _____ (not know) the difference between the fake and the real bag.

_____ something like this ever _____ (happen) to you?

- 1) Our company _____ stationery products: pens, paper, envelopes.... (sell)
- 2) Last year, we _____ over 2 million francs in products. (sell)
- 3) We _____ over 2 million francs in products so far this year. (sell)

- 4) Every day, he _____ the newspaper. (read)
- 5) He _____ the newspaper every morning for 20 years.
(read)
- 6) Currently, I _____ at the HEG in Fribourg. (study)
- 7) I _____ at the HEG in Fribourg since
September. (study)
- 8) She _____ at Nestlé. (work)
- 9) She _____ at Nestlé for 5 years and I think they
will offer her a promotion. (work)
- 10) I _____ at Nestlé in France for 3 years before
transferring to the headquarters in Switzerland. (work).
- 11) In my economics class, we _____ currently _____ a
book about the world economy. (read)
- 12) It's 10am and I _____ my book all
morning. My eyes are getting red and tired. (read)
- 13) I _____ 6 chapters of my book – only 6
more chapters until I finish.
- 14) Yesterday, I _____ 2 chapters of my book. (read)
- 15) Before my friend called me, I _____ 2 chapters
of my book. (read)
- 16) I _____ my book for 2 hours
before I decided to stop for lunch. (read)
- 17) I remember _____ the job ad on the internet just 2
days ago. I can't believe it has already been taken off. (see)
- 18) In future, you must always remember _____ the
important details. (write down)

- 19) Why don't you try _____ them and ask if the position is still open. (call)
- 20) I tried _____ the airline company to get a refund, but it is impossible to get through to an operator. I give up!
- 21) He can stop _____ a job now because he got hired by a big multinational company. (look for)
- 22) During the weekly meeting, our boss stopped _____ an important phone call. (take)
- 23) Where is the report? I remember _____ it on your desk this morning. (put)
- 24) Remember _____ the supplier about our order today. Tomorrow is a holiday and their offices are closed. (call)
- 25) The photocopier is blocked. Why don't you try _____ it 2 or 3 times on the side. (hit)