

# VERB TENSES – KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given in bold. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Type your answer in CAPITAL LETTERS and don't use contractions.

1. The last time I saw my best friend was three weeks ago.  
**LAST**  
It is three weeks \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend.
2. Ian started smoking a few months ago.  
**BEEN**  
Ian \_\_\_\_\_ a few months.
3. The Browns have been living in Seattle for three years.  
**CAME**  
The Browns \_\_\_\_\_ three years ago.
4. I met my boss a year ago.  
**HAS**  
It \_\_\_\_\_ I met my boss.
5. I have not travelled abroad since last summer.  
**LAST**  
\_\_\_\_\_ abroad was last summer.
6. Joseph has played the saxophone for ten years.  
**STARTED**  
Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ ten years ago.
7. I last played chess a week ago.  
**FOR**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a week.
8. The last time William saw a doctor was in 2018.  
**SEEN**  
William \_\_\_\_\_ since 2018.
9. James has not drunk alcohol since last Christmas.  
**STOPPED**  
James \_\_\_\_\_
10. My sister met her boyfriend two months ago.  
**HAS**  
My sister \_\_\_\_\_ two months.
11. It is the second time Mika has performed in Galicia.  
**TWICE**  
Mika \_\_\_\_\_
12. First Bob finished his homework. Then he read a comic.  
**HAD**  
Before Bob read a comic, he \_\_\_\_\_
13. The news finished before we switched on the TV.  
**BY**  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the TV, the news had already finished.
14. We have never visited Bath before.  
**EVER**  
It's the first time we \_\_\_\_\_
15. It is the most interesting novel that I have ever read.  
**NEVER**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting novel.

16. When did they move to Liverpool?

**LONG**

\_\_\_\_\_ they moved to Liverpool?

17. My best friend has been studying Japanese for six months.

**BEGAN**

\_\_\_\_\_ Japanese six months ago.

18. This is the first time I have read this magazine.

**NEVER**

I have \_\_\_\_\_

19. We have never been in this situation before.

**IT**

\_\_\_\_\_ we have been in this situation.

20. They had never visited a larger city.

**WAS**

\_\_\_\_\_ they had ever visited.

21. It was the tastiest omelette I had ever eaten.

**SUCH**

I \_\_\_\_\_ tasty omelette.

22. How long have you been studying English?

**BEGIN**

\_\_\_\_\_ English?

23. Kelly washed the dishes and then she turned the radio on.

**AFTER**

Kelly turned the radio on \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes.

24. After Scott had arrived home, he fed the dog.

**WHEN**

Scott fed the dog \_\_\_\_\_

25. Rose put the children to bed and then she watched a film.

**SOON**

As \_\_\_\_\_ the children to bed, she watched a film.

26. Oliver made breakfast and then he texted his girlfriend.

**AFTER**

\_\_\_\_\_, he texted his girlfriend.

27. In those days we spent the summer in the mountains.

**TO**

In those days \_\_\_\_\_ the summer in the mountains.

28. It was the most beautiful song I have ever listened to.

**SUCH**

I \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful song before.

29. My brother played football almost every day when he was young.

**PLAY**

My brother \_\_\_\_\_ almost every day when he was young.

30. Liam left before my arrival.

**WHEN**

\_\_\_\_\_ already left.