

**Choose the correct answer.**

- 1 I *stay/am staying* at the Imperial Hotel until they get my flat ready.
- 2 The Amazon *flows/is flowing* into the Atlantic Ocean.
- 3 Buying a house *becomes/is becoming* more and more expensive nowadays.
- 4 We haven't decided yet but we *think / are thinking* of moving house.
- 5 Whether we play on Saturday *depends/is depending* on the weather.

**Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.**

1. About 100 people \_\_\_\_\_ outside the theatre for tickets when we got there.  
A queue      B queued      C were queuing      D have queued
2. This time last week \_\_\_\_\_ to London.  
A drove      B was driving      C have driven      D have been driving
3. By the time the teacher arrived, the classroom was empty. The students \_\_\_\_\_.  
A left      B were leaving      C have left      D had left
4. The witness claimed he \_\_\_\_\_ the man before.  
A didn't see      B wasn't seeing      C hasn't seen      D hadn't seen
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ a shower when the phone rang.  
A had      B was having      C have had      D have been having
- 16 She's changed a lot \_\_\_\_\_ she left school.  
A for      B since      C during      D after
- 17 I've been waiting in the rain \_\_\_\_\_ hours!  
A for      B since      C during      D from
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ I was coming home, I met my old English teacher.  
A While      B Since      C During      D Before

19 She was born in Yorkshire twenty-five years \_\_\_\_

- A over                      B since                      C ago                      D before

20 I've \_\_\_\_ seen the film - I don't want to see it again.

- A still                      B already                      C yet                      D before

**Read the sentences from a letter of application and choose the correct answer.**

1. I am writing in connection with the advertisement *which appeared / has appeared* in *Career* online magazine on 3 December.
2. I *originally studied / have originally studied* Mechanical Engineering at university and I *graduated / have been graduating* with a first class degree.
3. I *now completed / have now completed* a postgraduate degree in Business and Administration.
4. I *have tried / have been trying* to find a permanent job for months.
5. I *worked / have worked* for several companies on a temporary basis till now.
6. In my first job, I *was / have been* responsible for marketing.
7. I *applied / have applied* for several posts this year.
8. However, I still *did not manage t have not managed* to find what I am looking for.
9. The last job I *applied I have applied* for required applicants to speak some Japanese.
10. I *started / have started* learning Spanish a few months ago but I *did not obtain / have not obtained* a qualification in it yet.
11. I *did not apply / have not applied* for a job with your company before.
12. I *hoped / have hoped* that you would consider my application favourably.
13. However, I *have waited / have been waiting* for a reply for several weeks and I still *did not receive / have not received* one from you.

**Choose the correct answer.**

Columbus *discovered / was discovering* America though at first he believed he *had reached / had been reaching* Asia.

Hillary and Tenzing *were climbing / had been climbing* for several days when they *reached / had reached* the summit.

Scott *reached / was reaching* the South Pole in 1912 but Amundsen *had beaten / was beating* him by a month.

Franklin *flew / was flying* a kite when he *made / was making* a very important discovery about electricity.

Before Columbus *discovered / was discovering* America, people *were believing / had believed* that the Earth was flat.

Newton *made / was making* his great discovery while he *was sitting / had been sitting* under an apple tree.

**Complete the table. The underlined words will help you.**

| Clue                                              | Noun  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. 'the quality of being <u>patient</u>           | _____ |
| 2. s/he takes <u>photographs</u>                  | _____ |
| 3. s/he plays the <u>guitar</u>                   | _____ |
| 4. it washes <u>dishes</u>                        | _____ |
| 5. the state of being <u>able</u> to do something | _____ |
| 6. the relationship you have with a <u>friend</u> | _____ |
| 7. the act of <u>exploring</u> a place            | _____ |

8. something you **arrange** \_\_\_\_\_
9. he **acts** in films or plays \_\_\_\_\_
10. the thing we make when we **build** \_\_\_\_\_
11. the quality of being **important** \_\_\_\_\_
12. the period of time when you are a **child** \_\_\_\_\_
13. the feeling of being **excited** \_\_\_\_\_
14. the state of being **happy** \_\_\_\_\_
15. she is being **trained** for something \_\_\_\_\_
16. the act of **dividing** something \_\_\_\_\_
17. the act of **performing** a play, concert, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
18. the thing we **open tins** with \_\_\_\_\_
19. s/he is forced to seek **refuge** in a new country \_\_\_\_\_
20. the quality of being **kind** \_\_\_\_\_
21. the state or fact of being **great** \_\_\_\_\_