

Present Tenses Test

Grammar Exercises

1. Liz and James ____ dinner at a restaurant on Saturdays, but they ____ at home now.
A) never eat / are eating
B) always eat / eat
C) are always eating / eat
D) usually eat / are eating
2. Rick ____ me for some money, but he ____ me back.
A) always asks / is always paying
B) is always asking / is never paying
C) has never asked / never pays
D) never asks / has never been paying
3. More and more people ____ of cancer these days, and we still ____ no cure for it.
A) are dying / have
B) die / have
C) are dying / are having
D) die / are having
4. Your clothes are covered in mud, Jason! ____ you ____ outdoors in this weather?
A) Are / playing
B) Have / been playing
C) Have / play
D) Do / playing
5. We ____ it strange, but iron and feather ____ at the same speed
A) find / fall
B) have found / are falling
C) are finding / fall
D) have been finding / are falling
6. Nancy ____ a party next Friday, but I _____. I have an important meeting at that time.
A) is giving / am not going
B) gives / don't go
C) has given / haven't been going
D) has been giving / don't go
7. Why on earth ____ so fast? The train ____ at four o'clock and it is only one o'clock.
A) do you drive / has been leaving
B) are you driving / has left
C) do you drive / is leaving
D) are you driving / leaves
8. Dad ____ as a baker for forty years and he ____ to work for at least another twenty years.
A) is working / wants
B) has been working / wants
C) works / is wanting
D) has worked / has wanted
9. ____ that small house over there? I ____ there since I was born.
A) Do you see / have been living
B) Are you seeing / live
C) Do you see / am living
D) Are you seeing / have lived
10. I am not sure, but I think I ____ to France five or six times so far.
A) am going
B) have been
C) have been going
D) go
11. It ____ awful in this room because Karen ____ here for hours without opening a window.
A) is smelling / smokes
B) is smelling / has smoked
C) smells / is smoking
D) smells / has been smoking
12. She rarely ____ but she usually ____ to get a high mark in maths.
A) is studying / has managed
B) has been studying / is managing
C) studies / manages
D) is studying / managed
13. We ____ already ____ a payment. As far as I know, it ____ all the taxes.
A) have ... made / includes
B) are ... making / is including
C) have... made / has been including
D) have ... been making / has included
14. She ____ usually ____ that way, but these days she ____ very rude to everybody.
A) isn't ... acting / has been
B) hasn't ... acted / has been
C) doesn't ... act / is being
D) isn't ... acting / is

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15. They ____ just ____ their job, and they ____ a coffee break at the moment.

A) have ... been finishing / have
B) are ... finishing / have had
C) are ... finishing / have
D) have ... finished / are having

16. In the latest episode of that TV series, Jill ____ a terrible accident, but a handsome guy ____ her immediately to a hospital.

A) is having / has been taking
B) has had / is taking
C) has / has taken
D) has / takes

17. Matt ____ lemonade since this morning, but he ____ only three glasses so far.

A) sells / is selling
B) has been selling / has sold
C) sells / has been selling
D) is selling / has sold

18. Molly ____ driving test four times, but she is so determined that she ____ still ____ to pass it.

A) fails / is ... trying
B) has been failing / has ... tried
C) is failing / has ... been trying
D) has failed / is ... trying

19. Steve ____ to the cafe at lunchtime, but he ____ back in the office now.

A) goes / is being
B) has been / is
C) is going / has been
D) has gone / is

20. The classroom ____ empty because all the children ____ out to play basketball in the garden.

A) is / have gone
B) has been / go
C) is / have been
D) has been / are going