

Grammar Exercise – The Verb 'to be'

The verb 'to be' is very important in the English language. It comes in eight different forms.

be    been    being    am    is    are    was    were

Choose the correct answers.

1. "There \_\_\_\_\_ so many people in the market," Mother says.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ feeding the animals now.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
3. Many guests \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for you now.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
4. My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ at work now.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
5. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you last night?  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
6. There \_\_\_\_\_ a fight here an hour ago.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ too sick to even sit up last night.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
8. \_\_\_\_\_ you coming tonight?  
a) Is                                  b) Are  
c) Was                                d) Were
9. Jollie and I \_\_\_\_\_ friends. We visit each other all the time.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
10. The workers \_\_\_\_\_ very fast with their work yesterday.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were
11. There \_\_\_\_\_ 12 months in a year.  
a) is                                  b) are  
c) was                                d) were

12. Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ a bad habit.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ busy with my homework and did not hear the doorbell ring.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ working so hard that I have to tell her to take a break.  
a) is                      b) are  
b) was                    d) were
15. Shelly \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor and she has a clinic in town.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
16. \_\_\_\_\_ you angry with me yesterday?  
a) Is                      b) Are  
c) Was                    d) Were
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ playing at the fountain earlier.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
18. Everyone is happy that it \_\_\_\_\_ time to go home.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
19. Jack and Jill \_\_\_\_\_ working in the field now.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
20. The football matches \_\_\_\_\_ so exciting.  
a) is                      b) are  
b) was                    d) were
21. The children and their teacher \_\_\_\_\_ going to Sentosa now.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
22. The water in the mug \_\_\_\_\_ hot! You have to be careful.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
23. How much sugar \_\_\_\_\_ left in the jar now?  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
24. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ so strong that it blew off my hat.  
a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were