

## English verb tenses

*Choose the best answer among A, B, C, or D.*

1. When I last saw him, he \_\_\_\_\_ in London.  
A. has lived                      B. is living                      C. was living                      D. has been living
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy since last Saturday.  
A. don't see                      B. haven't seen                      C. didn't see                      D. hadn't seen
3. The train \_\_\_\_\_ half an hour ago.  
A. has been leaving                      B. left                      C. has left                      D. had left
4. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
A. has just painted                      B. paint                      C. will have painted                      D. painting
5. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ for you since yesterday.  
A. is looking                      B. was looking                      C. has been looking                      D. looked
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ Texas State University now.  
A. am attending                      B. attend                      C. was attending                      D. attended
7. He has been selling motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ten years ago                      B. since ten years                      C. for ten years ago                      D. for ten years
8. Christopher Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ American more than 500 years ago.  
A. discovered                      B. has discovered                      C. had discovered                      D. had been discovering
9. He fell down when he \_\_\_\_\_ towards the church.  
A. run                      B. runs                      C. was running                      D. had run
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ there when our father died.  
A. still lived                      B. lived still                      C. was still lived                      D. were still living
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ table tennis when their father comes back home.  
A. will play                      B. will be playing                      C. play                      D. would play
12. By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ for Mr. Smith for six years.  
A. shall have been working                      B. shall work                      C. have been working                      D. shall be working
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the room right now.  
A. am being                      B. was being                      C. have been being                      D. am
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ to New York three times this year.  
A. have been                      B. was                      C. were                      D. had been
15. I'll come and see you before I \_\_\_\_\_ for the States.  
A. leave                      B. will leave                      C. have left                      D. shall leave
16. The little girl asked what \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend.  
A. has happened                      B. happened                      C. had happened                      D. would have been happened
17. John \_\_\_\_\_ a book when I saw him.  
A. is reading                      B. read                      C. was reading                      D. reading
18. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ return later.  
A. will                      B. would                      C. can                      D. would be
19. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
A. has just opened                      B. open                      C. will have opened                      D. opening
20. I have been waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. since early morning                      B. since 9a.m                      C. for two hours                      D. All are correct
21. Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_ for home by the time we arrived.  
A. leave                      B. left                      C. leaves                      D. had left
22. By the age of 25, he \_\_\_\_\_ two famous novels.  
A. wrote                      B. writes                      C. has written                      D. had written
23. While her husband was in the army, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to him twice a week.  
A. was reading                      B. wrote                      C. was written                      D. had written
24. I couldn't cut the grass because the lawn mower \_\_\_\_\_ a few days previously.  
A. broke down                      B. has been broken                      C. had broken down                      D. breaks down

- 25. I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.**  
A. try                      B. tried                      C. have tried                      D. am trying
- 26. Since \_\_\_\_\_, I have heard nothing from him.**  
A. he had left                      B. he left                      C. he has left                      D. he was left
- 27. After I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I looked for my bag.**  
A. had                      B. had had                      C. have has                      D. have had
- 28. By the end of next year, George \_\_\_\_\_ English for two years.**  
A. will have learned                      B. will learn                      C. has learned                      D. would learn
- 29. The man got out of the car, \_\_\_\_\_ round to the back and opened the book.**  
A. walking                      B. walked                      C. walks                      D. walk
- 30. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.**  
A. was going                      B. went                      C. has gone                      D. did go