

Exercise 1: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. She came into the room while they _____ television.
A. watched B. have watched C. are watching D. were watching
2. I _____ a headache since yesterday.
A. had B. was having C. have had D. would have
3. The teacher _____ into the room.
A. has still come B. has already come
C. has yet come D. has recently come
4. When he failed to meet us, we _____ without him.
A. left B. would leave C. was leaving D. has left
5. He _____ book the tickets, but he had no time to call at the cinema.
A. would B. will C. is going to D. was going to
6. Peter has been trying for an hour, but his car still _____ start.
A. won't B. wouldn't C. didn't D. hasn't
7. It's an hour since he _____, so he must be at the office now.
A. is leaving B. was leaving C. has left D. left
8. Most students _____ hard for the last few weeks.
A. were working B. worked C. are working D. have been working
9. He _____ up his mind yet.
A. didn't make B. hasn't made C. wasn't made D. wasn't making
10. The baby _____ non-stop for the last two hours.
A. cried B. was crying C. is crying D. has been crying

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. The girl weeps whenever she _____ such a story.
A. hears B. has heard C. will hear D. heard
2. As soon as we _____ this new apartment, we _____.
A. are finding - will move B. found - moved
C. would find - move D. find - would move
3. My teacher arrived after we _____ for him for ten minutes.
A. was waiting B. have waited C. had waited D. waited
4. This is the first time I _____ to play badminton.
A. have tried B. am trying C. was trying D. would be trying

5. She _____ here but she doesn't work here now.
 A. has worked B. had work C. used to work D. used to working
6. Jack went out, but he _____ anyone where he was going.
 A. doesn't tell B. not told C. wasn't telling D. didn't tell
7. London _____ the capital of the United Kingdom.
 A. is B. was C. will be D. is being
8. Someone _____ at the door. Can you hear it?
 A. knocks B. is knocking C. will knock D. was knocking
9. What are you cooking in that saucepan? It _____ good
 A. smells B. is smelling C. smelled D. has smelled
10. I used to swim in this river when I _____ young.
 A. am B. was C. will be D. have been

Exercise 3: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. By the year 2050, many people currently employed _____ their jobs.
 A. have lost B. will be losing C. will have lost D. are losing
2. Susan _____ as a nurse for three years before her marriage.
 A. has been working B. has worked
 C. worked D. is working
3. Since they had that big argument, he crosses the street whenever he _____ her.
 A. saw B. sees C. will see D. is seeing
4. This time tomorrow I _____ in the swimming pool.
 A. am relaxing B. relax C. will be relaxing D. relaxed
5. At the end of this month, we _____ here for ten years.
 A. will have been living B. are living
 C. live D. will be living
6. The beach was so crowded the other day that we _____ difficulty finding empty spot.
 A. have B. have had C. had D. have been having
7. Robert _____ for the company for very long before he was promoted.
 A. hasn't been working B. didn't work
 C. hadn't been working D. wasn't working
8. _____? Your eyes are red.
 A. Did you cry C. Were you crying
 B. didn't work D. wasn't working

9. He looked tired because he _____ for six hours.
 A. ran B. was running C. has been running D. had been running
10. In 1875 archeologists _____ the ruins of the Olympic Stadium in Greece.
 A. discovered B. were discovering
 C. have discovered D. had discovered

Exercise 4: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. We _____ very hard at the office lately as we are negotiating an important contract.
 A. are working B. were working
 C. have been working D. had been working
2. You can't believe a word he says. He _____.
 A. always lies B. is always lying
 C. has always lied D. will always lie
3. I often find things on the beach. I _____ this very old bottle yesterday.
 A. found B. was finding C. had found D. had been finding
4. They _____ the new bridge by the end of the year.
 A. will complete B. will have completed
 C. have completed D. had been completing
5. He said he _____ his homework since 7 o'clock.
 A. did B. has done C. had been done D. had been doing
6. A taxi collided with his car ten minutes ago but the police _____ yet.
 A. has not come B. have not come C. did not come D. had not come
7. At this moment tomorrow night I _____ on a ship.
 A. sleep R. shall sleep C. shall be slept D. shall be sleeping
8. Before leaving home in the morning, she _____ her mother she _____ in the factory that afternoon.
 A. had told - would work B. told - would work
 C. told - works D. had told - worked
9. Before you mentioned him, I _____ of that author.
 A. never hear B. have never heard
 C. had never heard D. never heard
10. By the end of this year, Tom _____ English for three years.
 A. will be studying B. has studied
 C. will have studied D. has been studying