

► **Practice 1. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Circle the correct verb.

1. My grandfather (*has never flown / had never flown*) in an airplane, and he has no intention of ever doing so.
2. Jane isn't here yet. I (*am waiting / have been waiting*) for her since noon, but she still (*didn't arrive / hasn't arrived*).
3. In all the world, there (*have been / are*) only 14 mountains that (*reach / are reaching*) above 8,000 meters (26,247 feet).
4. When my parents were teenagers, people (*hadn't owned / didn't own*) computers. By the time I was a teenager, I (*was owning / had owned*) a computer for several years.
5. Right now we (*are having / have*) a heat wave. The temperature (*is / has been*) in the upper 90s Fahrenheit (30s Celsius) for the last six days.
6. I have a long trip ahead of me tomorrow, so I think I'd better go to bed. Let me say good-bye now because I won't see you in the morning. I (*will leave / will have left*) by the time you (*get / will get*) up.
7. Last night I (*went / was going*) to a party. When I (*get / got*) there, the room was full of people. Some of them (*danced / were dancing*) and others (*talked / were talking*). One young woman (*was standing / has been standing*) by herself. I (*have never met / had never met*) her before, so I (*introduced / was introducing*) myself to her.
8. About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, Jessica (*was sitting / had sat*) in bed reading a book. Suddenly, she (*heard / was hearing*) a loud noise and (*got / was getting*) up to see what it was. She (*has looked / looked*) out the window. A truck (*has just backed / had just backed*) into her new car!

► **Practice 2. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Circle the correct verb.

1. Next month I have a week's vacation. I (*take / am taking*) a trip. I (*leave / left*) on Saturday, July 2nd. First, I (*'ve gone / 'm going*) to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit my brother. After I (*will leave / leave*) Madison, I (*am going to go / have gone*) to Chicago to see a friend who (*is studying / will have studied*) at the university there. She (*has lived / lives*) in Chicago for three years, so she (*knows / knew*) her way around the city. She (*has promised / will be promising*) to take me to many interesting places. I (*had never been / have never been*) to Chicago, so I (*am looking / have looked*) forward to going there.

2. The weather is beautiful today, but until this morning, it *(has been raining / had been raining)* steadily for almost a week. A week ago, the temperature suddenly *(was dropping / dropped)*, and after that we had bad weather for a week. Now the weather forecaster says that tomorrow it *(is going to be / is)* very warm. The weather certainly *(was changing / changes)* quickly here. I never know what to expect. Who knows? When I *(wake / will wake)* up tomorrow morning, maybe it *(snows / will be snowing)*.

► **Practice 3. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

On June 20th, I returned home. I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ away from home for two years. My family *(meet)* \_\_\_\_\_ me at the airport with kisses and tears. They *(miss)* \_\_\_\_\_ me as much as I had missed them. I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ very happy to see them again.

When I *(get)* \_\_\_\_\_ the chance, I *(take)* \_\_\_\_\_ a long look at them. My little brother *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ no longer little. He *(grow)* \_\_\_\_\_ a lot. He *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ almost as tall as my father. My little sister *(wear)* \_\_\_\_\_ a green dress. She *(change)* \_\_\_\_\_ quite a bit too, but she *(be, still)* \_\_\_\_\_ mischievous and inquisitive. She *(ask)* \_\_\_\_\_ me a thousand questions a minute, or so it seemed.

My father *(gain)* \_\_\_\_\_ some weight, and his hair *(turn)* \_\_\_\_\_ a little grayer, but otherwise he was just as I had remembered him. My mother *(look)* \_\_\_\_\_ a little older, but not much. The wrinkles on her face *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ smile wrinkles.

► **Practice 4. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

On June 20th, I will return home. I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ away from home for two years by that time. My family *(meet)* \_\_\_\_\_ me at the airport with kisses and tears. They *(miss)* \_\_\_\_\_ me as much as I have missed them. I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ very happy to see them again.

When I *(get)* \_\_\_\_\_ a chance, I *(take)* \_\_\_\_\_ a long look at them. My little brother *(be, no longer)* \_\_\_\_\_ so little. He *(grow)* \_\_\_\_\_ at least a foot. He *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ almost as tall as my father. My little sister *(wear, probably)* \_\_\_\_\_ a green dress because that's her favorite color. She *(change)* \_\_\_\_\_ quite a bit too, but she

(be, still) \_\_\_\_\_ mischievous and inquisitive. She (ask) \_\_\_\_\_ me a thousand questions a minute, or so it will seem.

My father (gain, probably) \_\_\_\_\_ some weight, and his hair (turn) \_\_\_\_\_ a little grayer, but otherwise he will be just as I remember him. My mother (look) \_\_\_\_\_ a little older, but not much. The wrinkles on her face (be) \_\_\_\_\_ smile wrinkles.

► **Practice 5. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences in each part with verbs from the list. Use any appropriate tense.

**Part I.**

be      break      do      happen      have      play      recuperate      see

A: Where's Sonia? I (not) \_\_\_\_\_ her lately.

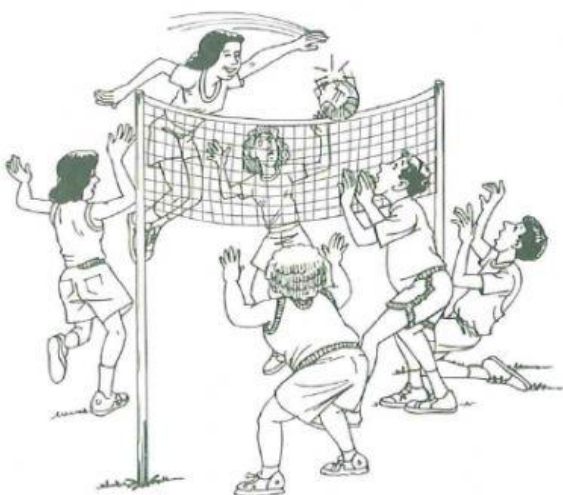
B: She's at home \_\_\_\_\_ from an accident.

A: An accident? What \_\_\_\_\_ to her?

B: She \_\_\_\_\_ her arm while she \_\_\_\_\_ volleyball last week in the game against South City College.

A: Gosh, that's too bad. I'm sorry to hear that. How \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_

B: OK, I guess. Actually, she \_\_\_\_\_ a cast on her arm, but she is not in any pain. I think that she \_\_\_\_\_ back in class next week.





function      receive      send      start      try

A: Hello. Computer Data Magazine. How can I help you?

B: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_<sub>1</sub> in my money for a subscription to your magazine, *Computer Data*, two months ago, but to date I (*not*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> any issues.

A: I'm sorry to hear that. Unfortunately, one of our main computers (*not*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. However, our computer specialists \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4</sub> very hard to fix it at the present time. Your new subscription \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub> as soon as possible.

B: Thank you.

### Practice 6. Verb tense review. (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

A: Have you ever heard of the Socratic method?

B: No, I haven't. What is it?

A: It's a method of teaching that Socrates (*use*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>1</sub> in ancient Greece more than two thousand years ago. Some teachers still (*use*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> this kind of method today.

B: Really? What (*it, consist*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub> of today? How (*teachers, use*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4</sub> this method now?

A: Well, the teacher (*not, give*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub> any information to the students. She or he just asks a series of questions, but (*not, make*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6</sub> any statements. The teacher (*know*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>7</sub> what the important questions to ask the students are. Then the students have to think about the answers.

B: That (*sound*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8</sub> good to me! When I was in high school, I had a lot of teachers who just (*talk*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>9</sub> too much. Sometimes the students even (*fall*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>10</sub> asleep in class!

A: I (*agree*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>11</sub> with you. You will learn faster after you (*think*) \_\_\_\_\_<sub>12</sub> about something than if you just have to remember facts.

B: That's true. I (*take*) \_\_\_\_\_ a philosophy class now with a wonderful professor. She (*always, ask*) \_\_\_\_\_ questions! I guess she (*use*) \_\_\_\_\_ the Socratic method for the whole semester, and I (*not, realize*) \_\_\_\_\_ it!

► **Practice 7. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Nora is at the hospital because her cousin is having surgery today. The surgery began at 7:00 and is expected to end at noon. Nora arrived at the hospital at 8:00 A.M.
  - a. It's 8:10 A.M. Nora (*wait*) \_\_\_\_\_ in the waiting room.
  - b. It is now 9:00 A.M. Nora (*wait*) \_\_\_\_\_ for one hour.
  - c. By 11:00, the surgery will still be going on, and Nora will still be waiting in the waiting room. At that time, Nora (*wait*) \_\_\_\_\_ in the waiting room for three hours.
2. Hundreds of passengers are in the security line at the airport. Jaime entered the security line at 8:00 A.M.
  - a. It's 8:15 A.M. Jaime (*stand*) \_\_\_\_\_ in the security line at the airport.
  - b. It is now 9:00 A.M. Jaime (*stand*) \_\_\_\_\_ in the security line for an hour.
  - c. Jaime is probably going to be standing in the security line for another hour. By 9:30 A.M., he (*stand*) \_\_\_\_\_ in the security line for an hour and a half.
  - d. Jaime is probably going to be finished standing in the security line by 10:00 A.M. If he is finished at 10:00 A.M., he (*stand*) \_\_\_\_\_ in line for a total of two hours!

► **Practice 8. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences. Write the letter of the correct completion.

1. A: Hurry up! We're waiting for you. What's taking you so long?  
 B: I \_\_\_\_\_ for an important phone call. Go ahead and leave without me.
 

a. wait	c. have waited
b. will have waited	d. am waiting
2. A: Robert is going to be famous someday. He \_\_\_\_\_ in three movies already.  
 B: I'm sure he'll be a star.
 

a. has been appearing	c. has appeared
b. had appeared	d. appeared
3. A: Where's Polly?  
 B: She \_\_\_\_\_.
 

a. is in her room studying	c. studies in her room
b. in her room is studying	d. has studied in her room

4. A: What \_\_\_\_ of the new simplified tax law?  
 B: It's more confusing than the old one.  
 a. are you thinking                      c. have you thought  
 b. do you think                            d. have you been thinking
5. A: When is Mr. Fields planning to retire?  
 B: Soon, I think. He \_\_\_\_ here for a long time. He'll probably retire either next year or the year after that.  
 a. worked                                      c. has been working  
 b. had been working                      d. is working
6. A: Why did you buy all this sugar and chocolate?  
 B: I \_\_\_\_ a delicious chocolate cake for dinner tonight.  
 a. make    c. 'm going to make  
 b. will make                                    d. will have made
7. A: Let's go! What's taking you so long?  
 B: I'll be there as soon as I \_\_\_\_ my keys.  
 a. find    c. 'm going to find  
 b. will find                                      d. am finding
8. Next week when there \_\_\_\_ a full moon, the ocean tides will be higher.  
 a. is being                                      c. is  
 b. will be                                        d. will have been
9. While I \_\_\_\_ TV last night, a mouse ran across the floor.  
 a. have watched                              c. watched  
 b. was watching                              d. have been watching
10. Fish were among the earliest forms of life. Fish \_\_\_\_ on earth for ages and ages.  
 a. existed                                        c. exist  
 b. are existing                                d. have existed
11. The phone \_\_\_\_ constantly since Jack announced his candidacy for president this morning.  
 a. has been ringing                            c. had rung  
 b. rang    d. had been ringing
12. The earth \_\_\_\_ on the sun for its heat and light.  
 a. depended                                      c. was depending  
 b. depending                                    d. depends
13. I don't feel good. I \_\_\_\_ home from work tomorrow.  
 a. 'm staying                                    c. stay  
 b. will have stayed                            d. stayed
14. Today there are weather satellites that beam down information about the earth's atmosphere. In the last several decades, space exploration \_\_\_\_ great contributions to weather forecasting.  
 a. is making                                      c. makes  
 b. has made                                      d. made

