

## Verb tense practice

Fill in the blank with the correct tense of the verb in brackets

Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on vacation to Thailand with a few of my friends. We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a 5-star hotel, \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Buddhist temples and museums, and \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) on the beach. One day, we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the market. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at all the beautiful hand-crafted items, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a stand with designer handbags. Of course, I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the souvenirs and \_\_\_\_\_ (run) over there. I \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot) believe the prices; everything \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so cheap. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) Versace bags for a quarter of the normal price, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) 4.

When we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at customs in the airport, the luggage controller \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me about the Versace handbags. I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him that I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) them at the market. He said that the bags \_\_\_\_\_ (be) counterfeit and that I \_\_\_\_\_ (must) pay a \$5000 fine or go to prison. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ (embarrass) because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) the difference between the fake and the real bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ something like this ever \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to you?

- 1) Our company \_\_\_\_\_ stationery products: pens, paper, envelopes.... (sell)
- 2) Last year, we \_\_\_\_\_ over 2 million francs in products. (sell)
- 3) We \_\_\_\_\_ over 2 million francs in products so far this year. (sell)

- 4) Every day, he \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper. (read)
- 5) He \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper every morning for 20 years.  
(read)
- 6) Currently, I \_\_\_\_\_ at the HEG in Fribourg. (study)
- 7) I \_\_\_\_\_ at the HEG in Fribourg since  
September. (study)
- 8) She \_\_\_\_\_ at Nestlé. (work)
- 9) She \_\_\_\_\_ at Nestlé for 5 years and I think they  
will offer her a promotion. (work)
- 10) I \_\_\_\_\_ at Nestlé in France for 3 years before  
transferring to the headquarters in Switzerland. (work).
- 11) In my economics class, we \_\_\_\_\_ currently \_\_\_\_\_ a  
book about the world economy. (read)
- 12) It's 10am and I \_\_\_\_\_ my book all  
morning. My eyes are getting red and tired. (read)
- 13) I \_\_\_\_\_ 6 chapters of my book – only 6  
more chapters until I finish.
- 14) Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ 2 chapters of my book. (read)
- 15) Before my friend called me, I \_\_\_\_\_ 2 chapters  
of my book. (read)
- 16) I \_\_\_\_\_ my book for 2 hours  
before I decided to stop for lunch. (read)
- 17) I remember \_\_\_\_\_ the job ad on the internet just 2  
days ago. I can't believe it has already been taken off. (see)
- 18) In future, you must always remember \_\_\_\_\_ the  
important details. (write down)

- 19) Why don't you try \_\_\_\_\_ them and ask if the position is still open. (call)
- 20) I tried \_\_\_\_\_ the airline company to get a refund, but it is impossible to get through to an operator. I give up!
- 21) He can stop \_\_\_\_\_ a job now because he got hired by a big multinational company. (look for)
- 22) During the weekly meeting, our boss stopped \_\_\_\_\_ an important phone call. (take)
- 23) Where is the report? I remember \_\_\_\_\_ it on your desk this morning. (put)
- 24) Remember \_\_\_\_\_ the supplier about our order today. Tomorrow is a holiday and their offices are closed. (call)
- 25) The photocopier is blocked. Why don't you try \_\_\_\_\_ it 2 or 3 times on the side. (hit)