

## Mixed verb tense practice exercise

Fill in the gaps with the correct tense of the verb in brackets:

Sue Thomas is a fashion designer. She \_\_\_\_\_ (make) clothes ever since she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a young girl. She \_\_\_\_\_ (get) her first job in a clothes factory when she was sixteen. One day, she \_\_\_\_\_ (sew) buttons onto a shirt when she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the idea to start her own business. She \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to her bank manager before getting approved for a loan. She \_\_\_\_\_ currently \_\_\_\_\_ (run) a successful business and \_\_\_\_\_ (make) lots of money.

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 remember \_\_\_\_\_ the job ad on the internet just 2 days ago. I can't believe it has already been taken off. (see)

17. In future, you must always remember \_\_\_\_\_ the important details. (write down)

18. I tried \_\_\_\_\_ the airline company to get a refund, but it is impossible to get through to an operator. I give up! (call)

19. He can stop \_\_\_\_\_ a job now because he got hired by a big multinational company. (look for)

20. During the weekly meeting, our boss stopped \_\_\_\_\_ an important phone call. (take)

21. Where is the report? I remember \_\_\_\_\_ it on your desk this morning. (put)

22. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ the supplier about our order today. Tomorrow is a holiday, and their offices are closed. (call)

23. The photocopier is blocked. Why don't you try \_\_\_\_\_ it a couple of times. (hit)