

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)