

# Lesson 9 TENSES

Let's Learn!

## Present Tenses

### Present simple

- ★ Thói quen, hoạt động thường xuyên xảy ra.
- ★ Quy luật, chân lí, sự thật.
- ★ Lịch trình, thời gian biểu.
- ★ Suy nghĩ, tình cảm, tư tưởng.



### To be

- (+) S + am/ is/ are + O.
- (-) S + am not/ isn't/ aren't + O.
- (?) Am/ Is/ Are + S + O?

### Verb

- (+) S + V(s/es).
- (-) S + don't /doesn't + V.
- (?) Do/ Does + S + V?

- Always, Usually, Often, Occasionally, Sometimes, Seldom, Never...
- Every + day, week, month, year...
- Once, twice, three times... + a week/ month/ year



### Exercise 19. Circle the correct answer.

Khoanh vào phương án đúng.

- 1 Peter \_\_\_\_\_ for his cat since it \_\_\_\_\_ two days ago.
  - A. had looked - disappeared
  - B. has looked - disappeared
  - C. has looked - had disappeared
  - D. looked - has disappeared
  
- 2 Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ to the bookstore with me when she finishes her work.
  - A. will go
  - B. has gone
  - C. went
  - D. was going
  
- 3 The lesson \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 minutes by the time we arrived.
  - A. had started
  - B. started
  - C. starts
  - D. will start
  
- 4 While Dave \_\_\_\_\_ flowers in the garden, I \_\_\_\_\_ my room.
  - A. planted - decorated
  - B. planted - was decorating
  - C. was planting - decorated
  - D. was planting - was decorating
  
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ home at night when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ footsteps behind me.
  - A. was walking - was hearing
  - B. walked - was hearing
  - C. walked - heard
  - D. was walking - heard
  
- 6 Tom \_\_\_\_\_ London 2 years ago and I \_\_\_\_\_ him since then.
  - A. has left - haven't seen
  - B. left - haven't seen
  - C. left - saw
  - D. has left - saw
  
- 7 It \_\_\_\_\_ heavily when we \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
  - A. snowed - were getting up
  - B. was snowing - got up
  - C. snowed - got up
  - D. was snowing - getting up
  
- 8 While Jane \_\_\_\_\_ to work, she \_\_\_\_\_ an accident.
  - A. drove - was seeing
  - B. was driving - sees
  - C. was driving - saw
  - D. drove - saw
  
- 9 When I \_\_\_\_\_ young, I \_\_\_\_\_ kites with my friends in my hometown.
  - A. was - used to fly
  - B. were - used to fly
  - C. was - am used to fly
  - D. were - used to flying

10 My children \_\_\_\_\_ English since they \_\_\_\_\_ young.

A. were leaning - were      B. have learnt - were  
 C. learnt - were      D. had learnt - were

11 The old man \_\_\_\_\_ my mobile phone while I \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop.

A. had stolen - waited      B. stole - were waiting  
 C. steals - am waiting      D. stole - was waiting

12 We \_\_\_\_\_ for a lot of information before we \_\_\_\_\_ to Turkey.

A. had searched - had travelled      B. had searched - travelled  
 C. searched - had travelled      D. was searching - travelled

13 When I \_\_\_\_\_ Susan, she \_\_\_\_\_ in a coffee shop with her friends

A. was seeing - sat      B. had seen - sat  
 C. saw - was sitting      D. saw - had sat

14 I \_\_\_\_\_ Linda your letter when I \_\_\_\_\_ her tomorrow.

A. will send - see      B. sent - will see  
 C. had sent - see      D. will send - will see

15 My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ the gardening since he \_\_\_\_\_ two years ago.

A. has done - had retired      B. had done - retired  
 C. did - has retired      D. has done - retired

## Exercise 20. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning.

*Viết lại câu sao cho nghĩa không đổi.*

1 This is the first time I have visited Ho Chi Minh mausoleum.

⇒ I \_\_\_\_\_

2 Tom started working here three years ago.

⇒ Tom \_\_\_\_\_

3 When did you last ride a motorbike?

⇒ How long \_\_\_\_\_



4 It is ten years since I last saw John.

⇒ I \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ I \_\_\_\_\_

5 She has written an essay for 30 minutes.

⇒ She \_\_\_\_\_

6 I haven't lived in a big house before.

⇒ This \_\_\_\_\_

7 It is nine months since I lived in Tokyo.

⇒ I \_\_\_\_\_

8 Tom has never gone to Korea before.

⇒ This \_\_\_\_\_

9 My father began to plant trees this morning.

⇒ My father \_\_\_\_\_

10 Tom last went to the cinema 2 months ago.

⇒ The \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Tom \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 21.** Rewrite the following sentences using the word in brackets without changing their meaning.

Viết lại câu sử dụng từ trong ngoặc sao cho nghĩa không đổi.

1 I was driving to work this morning and the policeman stopped my car. (While)

\_\_\_\_\_

2 My grandmother no longer lives in a small village. (used)

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 We were sleeping and the fire alarm rang. (**When**)
- 4 Our parents were talking to each other and we were watching TV. (**while**)
- 5 He has never tasted this kind of soup. (**first**)
- 6 My son went home, then he played with his dog, Tony. (**after**)
- 7 By the time we started doing the project, our teacher had explained everything clearly. (**before**)
- 8 Susan got bad marks. She didn't revise the lessons carefully. (**hadn't**)
- 9 The film started at 7 p.m. We arrived at the cinema at 7.15 p.m. (**when**)
- 10 I have never read such an interesting book like "Harry Potter". (**most**)

**Exercise 22. Choose the sentence that is the closest in meaning to the original one.**

*Chọn câu gần nghĩa nhất với câu gốc trên đề bài.*

- 1 They started working in this company 6 weeks ago.
  - A. They have started working in this company for 6 weeks.
  - B. They have worked in this company for 6 weeks.
  - C. They have worked in this company since 6 weeks.
  - D. They have worked in this company 6 weeks ago.



2 I have never travelled to India before.

- A. This is the first time I has never travelled to India.
- B. This is the first time I have travelled to India.
- C. This is the first time I have travelled to India before.
- D. This is the first time I travelled to India.

3 The last time I ate dinner at this restaurant was three months ago.

- A. I haven't ate dinner at this restaurant for three months.
- B. I haven't eaten dinner at this restaurant since three months.
- C. I have eaten dinner at this restaurant for three months.
- D. I haven't eaten dinner at this restaurant for three months.

4 We haven't played golf before.

- A. This is the first time I played golf.
- B. I have never played golf for a long time.
- C. This is the first time I've played golf.
- D. This is the second time I've played golf.

5 This is the first time his children have tried Japanese cuisine.

- A. His children tried Japanese cuisine last year.
- B. His children last tried Japanese cuisine a long time ago.
- C. His children tried Japanese cuisine before.
- D. His children have never tried Japanese cuisine before.

6 We began collecting stamps last year.

- A. We have begun collecting stamps since last year.
- B. We have collected stamps last year.
- C. We have collected stamps since last year.
- D. We have collected stamps for last year.

7 He lost his job three months ago.

- A. It is three months since he has lost his job.
- B. It is three months since he lost his job.
- C. They are three months since he lost his job.
- D. It is three months ago since he lost his job.

8 I last talked to John five months ago.

- A. I haven't talked to John since five months.
- B. I haven't talked to John for five months ago.
- C. I haven't talked to John for five months.
- D. I haven't talked to John since five months ago.

9 He started learning French six years ago.

- A. It is six years since he has learnt French.
- B. He has learned French for six years.
- C. He hasn't learnt French for six years.
- D. It was six years ago did he start learning French.

10 It's two years since I last lived with my family.

- A. I haven't lived with my family for two years.
- B. I didn't live with my family two years ago.
- C. I haven't lived with my family for two years ago.
- D. I last lived with my family for two years.

11 I've never seen such a magnificent building before.

- A. The last time I saw such a magnificent building was a long time ago.
- B. I used to see many magnificent buildings like this before.
- C. I have seen such a magnificent building many times before.
- D. This is the first time I've ever seen a magnificent building like this.

12 She started to work as a secretary five years ago.

- A. She hasn't been working as a secretary for five years.
- B. The last time she worked as a secretary was five years ago.
- C. She has started to work as a secretary five years ago.
- D. She has work as a secretary for five years.

13 This is the most difficult Maths question I've ever done.

- A. I've done a lot of more difficult Maths questions than this.
- B. It's been a long time since I last did the most difficult Maths question.
- C. I've never done such a difficult Maths question.
- D. The last time I did the most difficult Maths question.



14 The last time Nam saw a foreign film was 2 months ago.

- A. Nam didn't see a foreign film 2 months ago.
- B. Nam has seen a foreign film for 2 months.
- C. Nam hasn't seen a foreign film for 2 months.
- D. Nam will see a foreign film in 2 months.

15 I haven't heard from Susan for several months.

- A. I last heard from Susan several months ago.
- B. Susan didn't hear from me several months ago.
- C. Susan heard from me several months ago.
- D. I didn't hear from Susan several months ago.

**Exercise 23. Choose the sentence that is the closest in meaning to the original one.**

Chọn câu gần nghĩa nhất với câu gốc.

1 He last went out with his friends a month ago.

- A. He didn't go out with his friends a month ago.
- B. He has gone out with his friends for a month.
- C. He has a month to go out with his friends.
- D. He hasn't gone out with his friends for a month.

2 I have never seen such an impressive performance before.

- A. This is the first time I have seen such an impressive performance.
- B. I last seen such an impressive performance ago.
- C. I have seen such an impressive performance before.
- D. The last time I seen such an impressive performance.

3 Laura started to learn Thai 3 years ago.

- A. Laura had 3 years to learn Thai.
- B. Laura has learnt Thai for 3 years.
- C. It's 3 years since Laura last learnt Thai.
- D. Laura hasn't learnt Thai for 3 years.

4 The last time I went swimming was when I was 10

- A. I last went swimming since I was 10.
- B. I didn't go swimming when I was 10.
- C. I have gone swimming since I was 10.
- D. I last went swimming when I was 10.

5 He hasn't eaten out for 3 months.

- A. He has 3 months to eat out.
- B. He last ate out 3 months ago.
- C. He has eaten out for 3 months.
- D. He didn't eat out 3 months ago

6 The last time I bought fast food was 3 months ago.

- A. I last bought fast food 3 months before.
- B. I haven't bought fast food for 3 months.
- C. It is the first 3 months I have ever bought fast food.
- D. I hadn't bought fast food by 3 months.

7 This is the first time she has met such a kind person.

- A. She last met such a kind person a long time ago.
- B. She hasn't met such a kind person for ages.
- C. She has time to meet such a kind person.
- D. She has never met such a kind person before.

8 Hung has studied online for one year.

- A. Hung has one year to study online.
- B. Hung last studied online one year ago.
- C. Hung didn't study online one year ago.
- D. It's one year since Hung started to study online.

9 Peter hasn't met his friends for 5 months.

- A. The last time Peter met his friends was 5 months ago.
- B. Peter has 5 months to meet in person.
- C. Peter has met his friends for 5 months.
- D. Peter didn't meet his friends 5 months ago.



10 Tom learned to drive when he was nineteen.

- └ A. Tom hasn't learned to drive when he was nineteen.
- └ B. This is the first time Tom learned to drive.
- └ C. Since he was nineteen, he has never learned to drive.
- └ D. Tom has learned to drive since he was nineteen.

11 I haven't seen such an interesting film before.

- └ A. I last saw such an interesting film many years ago.
- └ B. I have never saw such an interesting film before.
- └ C. This is the first time that I have ever seen such an interesting film.
- └ D. I have started to see such an interesting film for ages.

12 Tim began to write his first novel last month.

- └ A. Tim didn't write his first novel last month.
- └ B. Tim has written his first novel since last month.
- └ C. Tim hasn't written his first novel for last month.
- └ D. Tim has one month to write his first novel.

13 Martin hasn't bought new clothes for 3 months.

- └ A. Martin last bought new clothes 3 months ago.
- └ B. Martin has bought new clothes for 3 months.
- └ C. Martin has 3 months to buy new clothes.
- └ D. Martin didn't buy new clothes 3 months ago.

14 Julia has never driven a car before.

- └ A. This is the first time Julia drove a car.
- └ B. This is the first time Julia has driven a car.
- └ C. The last time Julia drive a car was a year ago.
- └ D. Julia hasn't driven a car for a year.

15 He last visited London three years ago.

- └ A. He has been in London for three years.
- └ B. He didn't visit London three years ago.
- └ C. He hasn't visited London for three years.
- └ D. He was in London for three years.

## Exercise 24. Choose the meaningful sentence from the words given.

Chọn câu có nghĩa từ những từ cho sẵn.

1 Our children / use / go / school / bus / two year / ago.

- A Our children used to go to school by bus two years ago.
- B Our children use to go to school bus two years ago.
- C Our children used to went to school by bus two year ago.
- D Our children used to go to school on bus two years ago.

2 This / the / first / time / I / play / piano.

- A This is the first time I had played the piano.
- B This is the first time I have played the piano.
- C This is the first time I played the piano.
- D This is the first time I has played the piano.

3 I / not / see / my aunt / the Covid-19 / begin / 2019.

- A I didn't see my aunt since the Covid-19 began in 2019.
- B I haven't seen my aunt for the Covid-19 began in 2019.
- C I haven't seen my aunt since the Covid-19 began on 2019.
- D I haven't seen my aunt since the Covid-19 began in 2019.

4 Peter / start / build / robot model / 3 months.

- A Peter started to build a robot model for 3 months ago.
- B Peter has started to build a robot model 3 months ago.
- C Peter started to build a robot model 3 months ago.
- D Peter started building a robot model for 3 months ago.

5 They / never / listen / classical music / before.

- A They haven't never listened to classical music before.
- B They have never listen to classical music before.
- C They had never listened to classical music before.
- D They have never listened to classical music before.

6 The light / suddenly / go out / I / have / dinner / my family.

- A The light suddenly went out while I was having dinner with my family.



B The light suddenly was going out while I was having dinner with my family.

C The light suddenly went out when I had dinner with my family.

D The light suddenly was going out when I had dinner with my family.

7 He / worked / computer / programmer / 5 years.

A He has worked as a computer programmer since 5 years.

B He has worked as a computer programmer for 5 years.

C He worked as a computer programmer for 5 years.

D He has worked as a computer programmer 5 years ago.

8 They / live / Moscow/ before / they / move / a new house / London / last year.

A They had lived in Moscow before they moved into a new house in London last year.

B They lived in Moscow before they had moved into a new house in London last year.

C They lived in Moscow before they move into a new house in London last year.

D They had lived in Moscow before they had moved into a new house in London last year.

9 Newton / use / read / science books / he / be / boy.

A Newton used read science books when he is a boy.

B Newton use to read science books when he was a boy.

C Newton used to read science books when he was a boy.

D Newton used read science books when he is a boy.

10 I / make / many / friends / since / I / move / new school.

A I made many friends since I moved to a new school.

B I have made many friends since I have moved to a new school.

C I made many friends since I had moved to a new school.

D I have made many friends since I moved to a new school.

**Exercise 25.** Circle and correct the mistake in each of the following sentences.

Khoanh và sửa lỗi sai trong mỗi câu sau đây.

1 I see that film several times because I like it.  
A B C D

2 We can't remember the last time I have gone to the zoo.  
A B C D

3 Jack was playing football when he was breaking his leg.  
A B C D

4 Jane left university when she was 22 and since then she had worked  
A B C D  
as a lawyer.

5 Before my uncle came to Sydney, he has worked in New York for five  
A B C D  
years.

6 It has rained heavily since three hours. There will be a flood soon.  
A B C D

7 Antony and I are chatting to each other on Facebook at this time last  
A B C D  
night.

8 My daughter didn't do her homework when I came in her room.  
A B C D

9 Jack is always leaves his clothes on the floor. It looks so messy.  
A B C D

10 I have bought some flour because I will make a birthday cake for my  
A B C D  
mom.

11 The singer sang while the audience were clapping their hands.  
A B C D

12 The bus to school will leave every fifteen minutes, so you can wait  
A B C D  
for the next one.



13 My sister had watered all the plants in the garden by the time my  
 A B C  
 mother had come home.  
 D

14 I used to working over 10 hours a day when I lived in Tokyo.  
 A B C D

15 We are going camping next week, so I hope it isn't going to rain.  
 A B C D

### Answers

1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....
6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....
11 .....	12 .....	13 .....	14 .....	15 .....

### Exercise 26. Circle and correct the mistake in each of the following sentences.

Khoanh và sửa lỗi sai trong mỗi câu sau đây.

1 While Linda was playing the piano, Jack and Kate was singing.  
 A B C D

2 They have lived in Hanoi since their son has been born in 2020.  
 A B C D

3 The students were discussing the topic actively when the bell  
 A B C  
was ringing.  
 D

4 Someone had stolen my phone because I can't find it anywhere.  
 A B C D

5 While I saw Philips in the library, he was looking for an English  
 A B C D  
 Grammar book.

6 I go to bed at 10 p.m. every day, but today I go to bed earlier.  
 A B C D

7 We think Jenny is going to be the champion this year because she  
 A B C  
has the sweetest voice.  
 D

8 I borrowed an interesting novel from Linda two days ago, but I  
 A B C  
didn't finished it yet.  
 D

9 My brother wasn't getting up early this morning, so he was late for  
 A B C D  
 school.

10 Before I watched TV, I has already done my homework.  
 A B C D

11 Linda took great photos of wild animals while she hiked in the forest.  
 A B C D

12 Antony used to was a mean boy, but he has changed recently.  
 A B C D

13 Michelle will study abroad as soon as he will finish high school next  
 A B C D  
 year.

14 They had lived in their house for more than twenty years before they  
 A B C  
had sold it.  
 D

15 We were playing basketball while it started to rain.  
 A B C D

## Answers

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15