

# Lesson

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# TENSES

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

8 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.



- ## Answers

- Khoanh và sửa lỗi sai trong mỗi câu sau đây.

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