

Past and Present Grammar Tenses

1. By the time the conference started, most participants _____ (already / arrive).
2. She _____ (work) on the report for hours before she finally sent it.
3. I can't believe you _____ (never / hear) of that author – he's quite famous!
4. He _____ (travel) through Asia last year when he caught dengue fever.
5. While they _____ (renovate) their house, they discovered a hidden room.
6. I _____ (not / see) Mark recently – has he moved away?
7. She _____ (not / use to) be this confident when we first met her.
8. My parents _____ (would / take) us hiking every summer when we were children.
9. I _____ (attend) this course since January, and I've learned a lot.
10. He _____ (always / complain) about his job – maybe it's time for a change.
11. When I entered the office, everyone _____ (focus) so hard they didn't notice me.
12. We _____ (know) each other for years before we finally started dating.
13. How long _____ you _____ (study) English before you took the C1 exam?
14. The movie _____ (start) by the time we got to the cinema.
15. They _____ (not / allow) us to use calculators during the test.
16. She _____ (be) unusually quiet lately – I wonder if something's wrong.
17. You _____ (always / leave) your emails unanswered! Please reply sooner.
18. I _____ (not / be able to) access the website all day yesterday.
19. When I was younger, I _____ (not / be) very interested in politics.
20. He _____ (sit) at the same café every morning, reading the newspaper.