VERB TENSES (Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect)

- **Complete the sentences with for or since.**

1. María has lived in Córdoba _____ most of her life.
2. Carlos has been absent _____last Tuesday.
3. Paul has worked there _____two years.
4. Roberto and Carla have been together _____ages.
5. They've gone on holiday to Ibiza _____three weeks.
6. I haven't seen him _____he left school.
7. It hasn't snowed here _____2001.
8. We haven't been to Santander _____were children.
9. He has been in the bath _____half an hour.

- Fill in **the** gaps with the correct tense.

1. Where's Tom? He _____ (play) football. He _____ (play) every Saturday afternoon.
2. Tom _____ (just come). Do you want to talk to him?
3. We _____ (go) to London yesterday, but on the way we _____ (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So we _____ (drive) back home straightaway.
4. He _____ (live) here since 1989. I believe he will die here.
5. He _____ (know) all these words a year ago.
6. _____ (you ever heard) this kind of music?
7. Jumbo jets _____ (carry) 500 passengers and _____ (fly) k.p.h. How long _____ (take) it a jumbo to fly from London to New York?
8. She _____ (just finish) her homework. She can go out with friends.
9. Your friend who _____ (come) here the other day _____ (seem) very nice. I _____ (enjoy) meeting her.
10. Toucans _____ (nest) in tree holes and _____ (eat) birds' eggs.
11. My father _____ (translate) two pages yesterday.
12. My brother _____ (see) him last week at Jane's birthday party.

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13. It _____ (lie) in the bath when the phone _____ (ring). It _____ (stop) after a few rings.
14. Mr. Jones _____ (go) to Australia. He is not in this country.
15. Last summer I _____ (swim) in the Red Sea.
16. It _____ (be) cold when we _____ (leave) the house that day, and a light snow _____ (fall).
17. Hurry up! The bus _____ (come)!
18. When I _____ (see) the man, he _____ (stand) outside the bank. He _____ (have) a black baseball cap on.
19. This is the first time I _____ (drive) a BMW.
20. I _____ (read) twenty novels last year.
21. I _____ (never write) any poem.
22. Already? It usually _____ (come) at twelve. It's only quarter to twelve now.
23. _____It's only six o'clock. He _____ (usually not eat) until eight.
24. Look, it _____ (snow)! Really? It never _____ (snow) at this time of the year.
25. Today is 29th February and I _____ (celebrate) my birthday. I only _____ (celebrate) it every four years.
26. What _____ (show) at the cinema this week? I'm not sure but they always _____ (show) an adventure film in the school holidays.
27. When Martin _____ (arrive) home, Anna _____ (talk) to someone on the phone.
28. I _____ (walk) along the street when I suddenly _____ (feel) something hit me in the back. I _____ (not / know) what it was.
29. When I _____ (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books _____ (fall) out.
30. _____ (you watch) TV last night?
31. _____ (you send) the letter yet?
32. Something very strange _____ (happen) to me on my way home from work yesterday afternoon, I _____ (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly I _____ (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.
33. How many lessons_____ (you have) today?
34. He _____ (understand) everything at school.

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35. It's ten o'clock, so my sister _____ (go) to bed now, but I _____ (get up). I _____ (live) in England. Where _____ (live) she?
36. _____ (you be) to my office yet?
37. _____ (he / go) to the supermarket when you asked him?
38. How long _____ (you / know) that this is Graham's car?
39. I _____ (not drive) a car for the last three years.
40. They told me to report to the police station but I _____ (not go) yet.
41. I _____ (ask) her to help me yesterday, but she _____ (refuse).
42. She _____ (start) riding a motorbike six months ago.
43. Mrs Lamb is 74 and she _____ (never / have) an accident.
44. What _____ (you / do) when the car _____ (break down).

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