

THE SEQUENCE OF TENSE

Choose the best answer

- When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
A. is living B. has been living C. was living D. lived
- By the time he arrives here tomorrow, they _____ for London.
A. would have left B. will have left C. will left D. are leaving
- Mr. Pike _____ English at our school for 20 years before he retired last year.
A. had been teaching B. has been teaching C. was teaching D. is teaching
- When I _____ to the airport, I realized that I _____ my passport at home.
A. got/had left B. got/left C. had got/had left D. got/was left
- Call me as soon as you _____ your test results.
A. get B. will get C. will have got D. got
- I _____ to Greece until Sally and I went there last summer.
A. have never been B. had never been C. was never being D. were never
- I _____ along the street when I suddenly heard footsteps behind me.
A. was walking B. am walking C. walk D. walked
- The boy fell while he _____ down the stairs.
A. run B. running C. was running D. runs
- I will come and see you before I _____ for America.
A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. left
- When the first child was born, they _____ for three years.
A. have been married B. had been married C. will be married D. will have been married
- It _____ a long time since we were apart. I did not recognize her.
A. is B. has been C. was D. had been
- In one year's time, she _____ for this company for 15 years.
A. will be working B. will have been working C. will work D. has worked
- His health has improved a lot since he _____ doing exercises regularly.
A. starts B. started C. has started D. had started
- She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-seek with her friends.
A. is playing B. had played C. played D. was playing
- What _____ at 9 o'clock last night? I phoned you but couldn't get through to you.
A. did you do B. were you doing C. would you do D. had you done
- It is raining heavily with rolls of thunder. We _____ such a terrible thunderstorm.
A. would never see B. had never seen C. have never seen D. never see
- My brother usually _____ me for help when he has any difficulties with his homework.
A. ask B. asks C. asked D. has asked
- Only after she _____ from a severe illness did she realize the importance of good health.
A. would recover B. has recovered C. had recovered D. was recovering
- Only after the bus _____ for a few miles did Jane realize she was on the wrong route.
A. was running B. had run C. has run D. runs
- The children _____ to bed before their parents came home from work.
A. were all going B. had all gone C. had all been going D. have all gone