

GRAMMAR TEST - VERB TENSES

Present Simple - Present Continuous - Past Simple - Past Continuous

Name: _____

Class: _____

Score: _____

Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer

Present Simple or Present Continuous

1. It sometimes (snows / is snowing) here in January.
2. Look! It (rains / is raining) outside now.
3. It is 7 o'clock. Mum (makes / is making) breakfast.
4. Mum usually (makes / is making) breakfast at 7 o'clock.
5. My father (leaves / is leaving) home at 8 a.m. every day.
6. Be quiet! Dad (talks / is talking) on the phone.
7. We often (watch / are watching) TV after dinner.
8. Look! The children (sit / are sitting) on the sofa and (watch / are watching) TV.
9. Look at Tom! He (does / is doing) his homework.
10. Tom usually (does / is doing) his homework in the evening.
11. It (rains / is raining) heavily now.
12. It often (rains / is raining) in September.
13. Our family usually (has / is having) dinner at 7 p.m.
14. It is 7 p.m. now. Our family (has / is having) dinner.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer

Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. I (went / was going) to the cinema yesterday.
2. At four o'clock yesterday, I (walked / was walking) to the cinema.
3. They (went / were going) home when they met their teacher.
4. Anna (studied / was studying) all evening yesterday.
5. Anna (studied / was studying) when her mother came home.
6. My father (worked / was working) in the garden yesterday.
7. At six o'clock yesterday, my father (worked / was working) in the garden.
8. My sister (read / was reading) a book all evening.
9. The children (did / were doing) their homework at 6 p.m. yesterday.
10. I (didn't play / wasn't playing) the piano yesterday. I (wrote / was writing) a letter instead.
11. At four o'clock yesterday, I (didn't play / wasn't playing) the piano. I (read / was reading) a book.
12. Jack (didn't sleep / wasn't sleeping) when his father came home. He (did / was doing) his homework.
13. When I (walked / was walking) to school yesterday, I saw Ben and Peter. They (talked / were talking) and (ate / were eating) ice cream.
14. The baby (slept / was sleeping) when I entered the room.
15. What (did your father do / was your father doing) from eight to nine yesterday evening?
16. Why (did she cry / was she crying) when you saw her?

Exercise 3. Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D

Mixed Tenses

1. He _____ cartoons every morning.
A. watches
C. watched
B. is watching
D. was watching
2. I usually _____ to the theatre once a month.
A. go
C. went
B. am going
D. was going
3. Last month, the ticket prices _____ up.
A. go
C. went
B. are going
D. were going
4. I _____ there last month because the tickets were too expensive.
A. don't go
C. didn't go
B. am not going
D. wasn't going
5. The tickets _____ too much last month.
A. cost
C. costs
B. are costing
D. were costing
6. They _____ a film at the cinema yesterday evening.
A. watch
C. watched
B. are watching
D. were watching
7. Who _____ to the cinema with them yesterday?
A. goes
C. went
B. is going
D. was going
8. How often _____ your relatives?
A. do you visit
C. did you visit
B. are you visiting
D. were you visiting
9. We _____ much money in London last month.
A. don't spend
C. didn't spend
B. aren't spending
D. weren't spending
10. We _____ a great time in London last month.
A. have
C. had
B. are having
D. were having
11. She _____ the shopping at 3 p.m. yesterday.
A. does
C. did
B. is doing
D. was doing

Exercise 3 (continued)

12. Two years ago, they _____ rich.
A. are
C. are being
B. were
D. were being
13. They were rich two years ago, but now they _____ poor.
A. are
C. are being
B. were
D. were being
14. Hurry up! The train _____ at 11:15.
A. leaves
C. left
B. is leaving
D. was leaving
15. I _____ my parents, so I often listen to them.
A. love
C. loved
B. am loving
D. was loving
16. I often _____ what my parents tell me.
A. do
C. did
B. am doing
D. was doing
17. I often do what my parents _____.
A. say
C. said
B. are saying
D. were saying
18. Kate is in the kitchen. She _____ dinner now.
A. cooks
C. cooked
B. is cooking
D. was cooking
19. I usually _____ one ice cream.
A. eat
C. ate
B. am eating
D. was eating
20. Yesterday, I _____ three ice creams.
A. eat
C. ate
B. am eating
D. was eating
21. Where _____ last autumn?
A. do you go
C. did you go
B. are you going
D. were you going

Exercise 3 (continued)

22. When I _____ home yesterday, my sister was talking to Mum.
A. come B. am coming
C. came D. was coming
23. When I came home yesterday, my sister _____ to Mum.
A. talks B. is talking
C. talked D. was talking
24. What _____ now?
A. do you do B. are you doing
C. did you do D. were you doing
25. Where _____ on holiday next summer?
A. do you go B. are you going
C. did you go D. were you going
26. What _____ every day after school?
A. do you do B. are you doing
C. did you do D. were you doing
27. What _____ now?
A. do you do B. are you doing
C. did you do D. were you doing
28. What _____ to get for your next birthday?
A. do you want B. are you wanting
C. did you want D. were you wanting
29. I _____ my friends tomorrow.
A. meet B. am meeting
C. met D. was meeting
30. I _____ there by bus tomorrow.
A. go B. am going
C. went D. was going
31. The bus _____ at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.
A. leaves B. is leaving
C. left D. was leaving