

Grammar Exercise – The Verb 'to be'

The verb 'to be' is very important in the English language. It comes in eight different forms.

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Choose the correct answers.

1. "There _____ so many people in the market," Mother says.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
2. They _____ feeding the animals now.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
3. Many guests _____ waiting for you now.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
4. My uncle _____ at work now.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
5. Where _____ you last night?
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
6. There _____ a fight here an hour ago.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
7. She _____ too sick to even sit up last night.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
8. _____ you coming tonight?
a) Is b) Are
c) Was d) Were
9. Jollie and I _____ friends. We visit each other all the time.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
10. The workers _____ very fast with their work yesterday.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
11. There _____ 12 months in a year.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were

12. Smoking _____ a bad habit.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
13. I _____ busy with my homework and did not hear the doorbell ring.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
14. She _____ working so hard that I have to tell her to take a break.
a) is b) are
b) was d) were
15. Shelly _____ a doctor and she has a clinic in town.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
16. _____ you angry with me yesterday?
a) Is b) Are
c) Was d) Were
17. She _____ playing at the fountain earlier.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
18. Everyone is happy that it _____ time to go home.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
19. Jack and Jill _____ working in the field now.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
20. The football matches _____ so exciting.
a) is b) are
b) was d) were
21. The children and their teacher _____ going to Sentosa now.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
22. The water in the mug _____ hot! You have to be careful.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
23. How much sugar _____ left in the jar now?
a) is b) are
c) was d) were
24. The wind _____ so strong that it blew off my hat.
a) is b) are
c) was d) were