

PRACTICE EXERCISES

VERB TENSE REVISION 1

1. When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living
2. We _____ Dorothy since last Saturday.
A. don't see B. haven't seen C. didn't see D. hadn't seen
3. The train _____ half an hour ago.
A. has been leaving B. left C. has left D. had left
4. My sister _____ for you since yesterday.
A. is looking B. was looking C. has been looking D. looked
5. Christopher Columbus _____ American more than 500 years ago.
A. discovered B. has discovered
C. had discovered D. had been discovering
6. He fell down when he _____ towards the church.
A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run
7. I'll come and see you before I _____ for the States.
A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave
8. John _____ a book when I saw him.
A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. reading
9. Her brother _____ in Canada at present.
A. working B. works C. is working D. work
10. I _____ to the same barber since last year.
A. am going B. have been going C. go D. had gone
11. Her father _____ when she was a small girl.
A. dies B. died C. has died D. had died
12. Almost everyone _____ for home by the time we arrived.
A. leave B. left C. leaves D. had left
13. I couldn't cut the grass because the lawn mower _____ a few days previously.
A. broke down B. has been broken C. had broken down D. breaks down
14. Since _____, I have heard nothing from him.
A. he had left B. he left C. he has left D. he was left
15. After I _____ lunch, I looked for my bag.
A. had B. had had C. have has D. have had
16. By the end of next year, George _____ English for two years.
A. will have learned B. will learn C. has learned D. would learn
17. Henry _____ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.

A. was going B. went C. has gone D. did go

18. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he _____ dinner.

A. finish B. finishes C. will finish D. finishing

19. I _____ from him since he _____ two years ago.

A. hadn't heard; disappeared B. haven't heard; disappeared

C. didn't hear; has disappeared D. will not hear; disappears

20. After the guests _____, she _____ back into the living-room and _____ off the light.

A. left; went; turned B. had left; had gone; turned

C. have left; will go; turned D. had left; went; turned

21. By the time you finish cooking they _____ their homework.

A. will have finished B. will finish C. had finished D. have finished

22. I will tell John about it _____.

A. when I will see him this afternoon. B. when I see him this afternoon.

C. when I saw him this afternoon. D. after I had seen him this afternoon.

23. I have heard nothing from him since he _____ school.

A. had left B. left C. has left D. leaves

24. He fell down while he _____ towards the church.

A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run

25. Bill's mother won't let him go out with his friends _____.

A. when he finished his homework B. after he had finished his homework

C. once he finished his homework D. until he has finished his homework

26. Her academic performance has greatly improved since she her study _____ methods.

A. will change B. changed C. was changing D. would change

27. You may not see how important your family is _____.

A. after you had lived far from home B. when you were living far from home

C. until you live far from home D. as soon as you lived far from home

28. The city has changed a lot since I last _____ it.

A. visited B. would visit C. will visit D. visit

29. He will take the dog out for a walk _____.

A. as soon as he finished dinner B. as soon as he will finish

C. as soon as he has finished B. as soon as he was finishing

30. Ask her to come and see me _____.

A. when she finished her work B. when she has finished her work

C. after she had finished her work D. as soon as she was finishing her work.