

## BÀI TẬP VỀ THÌ CỦA ĐỘNG TỪ

*Exercise 1: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. She came into the room while they \_\_\_\_\_ television.  
A. watched                      B. have watched                      C. are watching                      D. would have
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ a headache since yesterday.  
A. had                      B. was having                      C. have had                      D. would have
3. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ into the room.  
A. has still come                      B. has already come  
C. has yet come                      D. has recently come
4. When he failed to meet us, we \_\_\_\_\_ without him.  
A. left                      B. would leave                      C. was leaving                      D. has left
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ book the tickets, but we had no time to call at the cinema.  
A. would                      B. will                      C. is going to                      D. was going to
6. Peter has been trying for an hour, but his car still \_\_\_\_\_ start.  
A. won't                      B. wouldn't                      C. didn't                      D. hasn't
7. It's an hour since he \_\_\_\_\_, so he must be at the office now.  
A. is leaving                      B. was leaving                      C. has left                      D. left
8. Most students \_\_\_\_\_ hard for the last few weeks.  
A. were working                      B. worked                      C. are working                      D. have been working
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ up his mind yet.  
A. didn't make                      B. hasn't made                      C. wasn't made                      D. wasn't making
10. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ non-stop for the last two hours.  
A. cried                      B. was crying                      C. is crying                      D. has been crying

*Exercise 2: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. The girl weeps whenever she \_\_\_\_\_ such a story.  
A. hears                      B. has heard                      C. will hear                      D. heard
2. As soon as we \_\_\_\_\_ this new apartment, we \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are finding – will move                      B. found – moved  
C. would find – move                      D. find – would move
3. My teacher arrived after we \_\_\_\_\_ for him for ten years.  
A. was waiting                      B. have waited                      C. had waited                      D. waited
4. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play badminton.  
A. have tried                      B. am trying                      C. was trying                      D. would be trying
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ here but she doesn't work here now.  
A. has worked                      B. had work                      C. used to work                      D. used to working
6. Jack went out, but he \_\_\_\_\_ anyone where he was going.  
A. doesn't tell                      B. not told                      C. want's telling                      D. didn't tell
7. London \_\_\_\_\_ the capital of the United Kingdom.  
A. is                      B. was                      C. will be                      D. is being
8. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ at the door. Can you hear it?  
A. knocks                      B. is knocking                      C. will knock                      D. was knocking
9. What are you cooking in that saucepan? It \_\_\_\_\_ good.  
A. smells                      B. is smelling                      C. smelled                      D. has smelled
10. I used to swim in this river when I \_\_\_\_\_ young.  
A. am                      B. was                      C. will be                      D. have been

*Exercise 3: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. By the year 2050, many people currently employed \_\_\_\_\_ their jobs.  
A. have lost                      B. will be losing                      C. will have lost                      D. are losing
2. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ at a nurse for three years before her marriage.  
A. has been working                      B. has worked                      C. worked                      D. is working

3. Since they had that big argument, he crosses the street whenever he \_\_\_\_ her.  
A. saw                      B. sees                      C. will see                      D. is seeing
4. This time tomorrow I \_\_\_\_ in the swimming pool.  
A. am relaxing                      B. relax                      C. will be relaxing                      D. relaxed
5. At the end of this month, we \_\_\_\_ here for ten years.  
A. will have been living                      B. are living  
C. live                      D. will be living
6. The beach was so crowded the other day that we \_\_\_\_ difficulty finding an empty spot.  
A. have                      B. have had                      C. had                      D. have been living
7. Robert \_\_\_\_ for the company for very long before he was promoted.  
A. hasn't been working                      B. didn't work  
C. hadn't been working                      D. wasn't working
8. \_\_\_\_? Your eyes are red.  
A. Did you cry                      B. Have you been cried  
C. Were you crying                      D. Have you been crying
9. He looked tired because he \_\_\_\_ for six hours.  
A. ran                      B. was running                      C. has been running                      D. had been running
10. In 1875 archeologists \_\_\_\_ the ruins of the Olympic Stadium in Greece.  
A. discovered                      B. were discovering                      C. have discovered                      D. had discovered

*Exercise 4: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. We \_\_\_\_ very hard at the office lately as we are negotiating an important contract.  
A. are working                      B. were working                      C. have been working                      D. had been working
2. You can't believe a word he says. He \_\_\_\_.  
A. always lies                      B. is always lying                      C. has always lied                      D. will always lie
3. I often find things on the beach. I \_\_\_\_ this very old bottle yesterday.  
A. found                      B. was finding                      C. had found                      D. had been finding
4. They \_\_\_\_ the new bridge by the end of the year.  
A. will complete                      B. will have completed  
C. have completed                      D. had been completing
5. He said he \_\_\_\_ his homework since 7 o'clock.  
A. did                      B. has done                      C. had been done                      D. had been doing
6. A taxi collided with his car ten minutes ago but the police \_\_\_\_ yet.  
A. has not come                      B. have not come                      C. did not come                      D. had not come
7. At this moment tomorrow night I \_\_\_\_ on a ship.  
A. sleep                      B. shall sleep                      C. shall be slept                      D. shall be sleeping
8. Before leaving home in the morning, she \_\_\_\_ her mother she \_\_\_\_ in the factory that afternoon.  
A. had told – would work                      B. told – would work  
C. told – works                      D. had told - worked
9. Before you mentioned him, I \_\_\_\_ of that author.  
A. never hear                      B. have never heard  
C. had never heard                      D. never heard
10. By the end of this year, Tom \_\_\_\_ English for three years.  
A. will be studying                      B. has studied  
C. will have studied                      D. has been studying

*Exercise 5: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. By the time you finish cooking they \_\_\_\_ their homework.  
A. will have done                      B. are doing                      C. have been doing                      D. have done
2. Can you tell me how \_\_\_\_?  
A. they escaped                      B. they were escaped  
C. did they escaped                      D. have they escaped



3. "Does Tom own that car?" "No, I think his brother \_\_\_\_\_ it now."  
 A. has owned                      B. is owning                      C. owns                      D. can own
4. Fish \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth for ages.  
 A. exists                      B. are existing                      C. exist                      D. have existed
5. Firemen \_\_\_\_\_ to receive an increase in pay next month.  
 A. will be                      B. are                      C. have been                      D. would be
6. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ him since he went to Hanoi?  
 A. have you seen                      B. do you see                      C. did you see                      D. had you seen
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ and went to live in the country.  
 A. worked – retired                      B. had been working – retired  
 C. has worked – had retired                      D. had been working – had retired
8. He wrote to her a month ago, but I'm sure he \_\_\_\_\_ since then.  
 A. has not written                      B. didn't write  
 C. was not writing                      D. was not written
9. How many lessons \_\_\_\_\_ before you passed your tests?  
 A. did you have                      B. do you have  
 C. have you had                      D. were you having
10. How \_\_\_\_\_ to stop in time when that car shot out in front of you?  
 A. did you manage                      B. were you managing  
 C. do you manage                      D. had you managed

*Exercise 6: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. I do not feel good. I \_\_\_\_\_ home from work tomorrow.  
 A. am staying                      B. will be staying                      C. will have stayed                      D. stayed
2. I'm sorry for keeping you waiting. I \_\_\_\_\_ to make a telephone call to London.  
 A. have tried                      B. will try                      C. tried                      D. have been trying
3. I cannot begin sewing my dress until my mother \_\_\_\_\_ it out for me.  
 A. will cut                      B. cut                      C. has cut                      D. will be cutting
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere for the pen I \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
 A. am searching – had lost                      B. searched – lost  
 C. have searched – lost                      D. searched – has lost
5. In a few minutes' time, when the clock strikes six, I \_\_\_\_\_ here for three hours.  
 A. waited                      B. will have been waiting  
 C. have waited                      D. have been waiting
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.  
 A. am wearing                      B. wear  
 C. have been wearing                      D. have worn
7. The car stopped for the children who \_\_\_\_\_ to cross the road.  
 A. were waiting                      B. had waited                      C. had been waiting                      D. waited
8. Their football team \_\_\_\_\_ a championship until last season.  
 A. has never won                      B. is never winning  
 C. had never been winning                      D. had never won
9. After ancient Greek athletes won a race in the Olympics, they \_\_\_\_\_ a simple crown of olive leaves.  
 A. received                      B. had received                      C. were receiving                      D. have received
10. Even though they \_\_\_\_\_ for a flat for a month, they \_\_\_\_\_ able to find one anywhere.  
 A. is looking – are not                      B. have looked – are not  
 C. have been looking – have not been                      D. have been looked – have not been

*Exercise 7: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

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. Be careful! Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
A. has just painted                      B. paint                      C. will have painted                      D. painting
5. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ for you since yesterday.  
A. is looking                      B. was looking                      C. has been looking                      D. locked
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ Texas State University now.  
A. am attending                      B. attend                      C. was attending                      D. attended
7. He has been selling motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ten years ago                      B. since ten years                      C. for ten years ago                      D. for ten years
8. Christopher Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ America more than 500 years ago.  
A. discovered                      B. has discovered                      C. had discovered                      D. had ben discovering
9. He fell down when he \_\_\_\_\_ towards the church.  
A. run                      B. runs                      C. was running                      D. had run
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ there when our father died.  
A. still lived                      B. lived still                      C. was still living                      D. were still living

*Exercise 8: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ table tennis when their father comes back home.  
A. will play                      B. will be playing                      C. play                      D. would play
2. By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ for Mr. Smith for six years.  
A. shall have been working                      B. shall work                      C. have been working                      D. shall be working
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the room right now.  
A. am being                      B. was being                      C. have been being                      D. am
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ to New York three times this year.  
A. have been                      B. was                      C. were                      D. had been
5. I'll come and see you before I \_\_\_\_\_ for the States.  
A. leave                      B. will leave                      C. have left                      D. shall leave
6. The little girl asked what \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend.  
A. has happened                      B. happened                      C. had happened                      D. would have been happened
7. John \_\_\_\_\_ a book when I saw him.  
A. is reading                      B. read                      C. was reading                      D. reading
8. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ return later.  
A. will                      B. would                      C. can                      D. would be
9. Our teacher told us yesterday that he \_\_\_\_\_ England in 2004.  
A. was visited                      B. visited                      C. has visited                      D. would be visiting
10. I have been waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. since early morning                      B. since 9 a.m.                      C. for two hours                      D. All are correct.

*Exercise 9: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*



- Oil \_\_\_\_\_ if you pour it on water.  
A. floated                      B. floats                      C. will be floated                      D. float
- The movie was very boring and many people began to leave early. By the end, most people \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. had already left                      B. were already leaving  
C. were already left                      D. had already been leaving
- The dancing club \_\_\_\_\_ north of this district.  
A. lays                      B. lies                      C. locates                      D. lain
- Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_ for home by the time we arrived.  
A. leave                      B. left                      C. leaves                      D. had left
- By the age of 25, he \_\_\_\_\_ two famous novels.  
A. wrote                      B. writes                      C. has written                      D. had written
- While her husband was in the army, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to him twice a week.  
A. was writting                      B. wrote                      C. was written                      D. had written
- 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
- Up to then I \_\_\_\_\_ such a fat man.  
A. never saw                      B. had never seen                      C. never had seen                      D. will never see
- I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.  
A. try                      B. tried                      C. have tried                      D. am trying
- Since \_\_\_\_\_, I have heard nothing from him.  
A. he had left                      B. he left                      C. he has left                      D. he was left

*Exercise 10: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.*

- After I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I looked for my bag.  
A. had                      B. had had                      C. has had                      D. have had
- By the end of next year, George \_\_\_\_\_ English for ten years.  
A. will have learned                      B. will learn  
C. has learned                      D. would learn
- The man got out of the car, \_\_\_\_\_ round to the back and opened the boot.  
A. walking                      B. walked                      C. walks                      D. walk
- For several years, his ambition \_\_\_\_\_ to become a pilot.  
A. is                      B. has been                      C. was                      D. had been
- Henry \_\_\_\_\_ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.  
A. was going                      B. went                      C. was                      D. had been
- He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
A. finish                      B. finishes                      C. will finish                      D. shall have finished
- Before you asked, the letter \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. was written                      B. had been written                      C. had written                      D. has been written
- I shall be glad when he \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. had gone                      B. did go                      C. went                      D. has gone
- Ask her to come and see me when she \_\_\_\_\_ her work.  
A. finish                      B. has finished                      C. finished                      D. finishing
- After you finish your work, you \_\_\_\_\_ a break.  
A. should take                      B. have taken                      C. might have taken                      D. takes