

► **Practice 1. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Circle the correct verb.

1. My grandfather (*has never flown / had never flown*) in an airplane, and he has no intention of ever doing so.
2. Jane isn't here yet. I (*am waiting / have been waiting*) for her since noon, but she still (*didn't arrive / hasn't arrived*).
3. In all the world, there (*have been / are*) only 14 mountains that (*reach / are reaching*) above 8,000 meters (26,247 feet).
4. When my parents were teenagers, people (*hadn't owned / didn't own*) computers. By the time I was a teenager, I (*was owning / had owned*) a computer for several years.
5. Right now we (*are having / have*) a heat wave. The temperature (*is / has been*) in the upper 90s Fahrenheit (30s Celsius) for the last six days.
6. I have a long trip ahead of me tomorrow, so I think I'd better go to bed. Let me say good-bye now because I won't see you in the morning. I (*will leave / will have left*) by the time you (*get / will get*) up.
7. Last night I (*went / was going*) to a party. When I (*get / got*) there, the room was full of people. Some of them (*danced / were dancing*) and others (*talked / were talking*). One young woman (*was standing / has been standing*) by herself. I (*have never met / had never met*) her before, so I (*introduced / was introducing*) myself to her.
8. About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, Jessica (*was sitting / had sat*) in bed reading a book. Suddenly, she (*heard / was hearing*) a loud noise and (*got / was getting*) up to see what it was. She (*has looked / looked*) out the window. A truck (*has just backed / had just backed*) into her new car!

► **Practice 2. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Circle the correct verb.

1. Next month I have a week's vacation. I (*take / am taking*) a trip. I (*leave / left*) on Saturday, July 2nd. First, I (*'ve gone / 'm going*) to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit my brother. After I (*will leave / leave*) Madison, I (*am going to go / have gone*) to Chicago to see a friend who (*is studying / will have studied*) at the university there. She (*has lived / lives*) in Chicago for three years, so she (*knows / knew*) her way around the city. She (*has promised / will be promising*) to take me to many interesting places. I (*had never been / have never been*) to Chicago, so I (*am looking / have looked*) forward to going there.

2. The weather is beautiful today, but until this morning, it *(has been raining / had been raining)* steadily for almost a week. A week ago, the temperature suddenly *(was dropping / dropped)*, and after that we had bad weather for a week. Now the weather forecaster says that tomorrow it *(is going to be / is)* very warm. The weather certainly *(was changing / changes)* quickly here. I never know what to expect. Who knows? When I *(wake / will wake)* up tomorrow morning, maybe it *(snows / will be snowing)*.

► **Practice 3. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

On June 20th, I returned home. I *(be)* _____ away from home for two years. My family *(meet)* _____ me at the airport with kisses and tears. They *(miss)* _____ me as much as I had missed them. I *(be)* _____ very happy to see them again.

When I *(get)* _____ the chance, I *(take)* _____ a long look at them. My little brother *(be)* _____ no longer little. He *(grow)* _____ a lot. He *(be)* _____ almost as tall as my father. My little sister *(wear)* _____ a green dress. She *(change)* _____ quite a bit too, but she *(be, still)* _____ mischievous and inquisitive. She *(ask)* _____ me a thousand questions a minute, or so it seemed.

My father *(gain)* _____ some weight, and his hair *(turn)* _____ a little grayer, but otherwise he was just as I had remembered him. My mother *(look)* _____ a little older, but not much. The wrinkles on her face *(be)* _____ smile wrinkles.

► **Practice 4. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

On June 20th, I will return home. I *(be)* _____ away from home for two years by that time. My family *(meet)* _____ me at the airport with kisses and tears. They *(miss)* _____ me as much as I have missed them. I *(be)* _____ very happy to see them again.

When I *(get)* _____ a chance, I *(take)* _____ a long look at them. My little brother *(be, no longer)* _____ so little. He *(grow)* _____ at least a foot. He *(be)* _____ almost as tall as my father. My little sister *(wear, probably)* _____ a green dress because that's her favorite color. She *(change)* _____ quite a bit too, but she

(be, still) _____ mischievous and inquisitive. She (ask) _____ me a thousand questions a minute, or so it will seem.

My father (gain, probably) _____ some weight, and his hair (turn) _____ a little grayer, but otherwise he will be just as I remember him. My mother (look) _____ a little older, but not much. The wrinkles on her face (be) _____ smile wrinkles.

► **Practice 5. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences in each part with verbs from the list. Use any appropriate tense.

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A: Where's Sonia? I (not) _____ her lately.

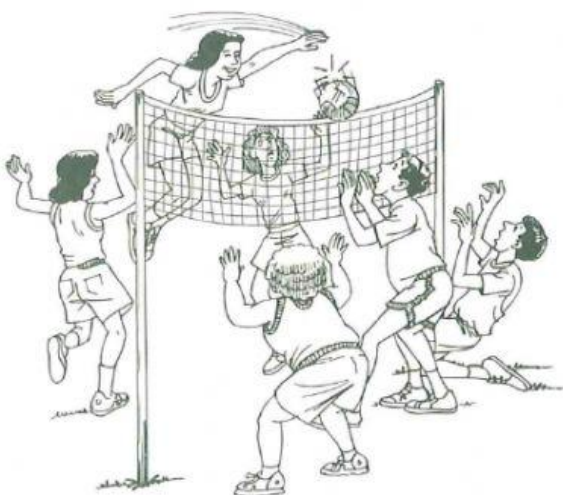
B: She's at home _____ from an accident.

A: An accident? What _____ to her?

B: She _____ her arm while she _____ volleyball last week in the game against South City College.

A: Gosh, that's too bad. I'm sorry to hear that. How _____ she _____

B: OK, I guess. Actually, she _____ a cast on her arm, but she is not in any pain. I think that she _____ back in class next week.



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A: Hello. Computer Data Magazine. How can I help you?

B: Well, I _____₁ in my money for a subscription to your magazine, *Computer Data*, two months ago, but to date I (*not*) _____₂ any issues.

A: I'm sorry to hear that. Unfortunately, one of our main computers (*not*) _____₃ _____ at the moment. However, our computer specialists _____₄ very hard to fix it at the present time. Your new subscription _____₅ as soon as possible.

B: Thank you.

Practice 6. Verb tense review. (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use any appropriate tense.

A: Have you ever heard of the Socratic method?

B: No, I haven't. What is it?

A: It's a method of teaching that Socrates (*use*) _____₁ in ancient Greece more than two thousand years ago. Some teachers still (*use*) _____₂ this kind of method today.

B: Really? What (*it, consist*) _____₃ of today? How (*teachers, use*) _____₄ this method now?

A: Well, the teacher (*not, give*) _____₅ any information to the students. She or he just asks a series of questions, but (*not, make*) _____₆ any statements. The teacher (*know*) _____₇ what the important questions to ask the students are. Then the students have to think about the answers.

B: That (*sound*) _____₈ good to me! When I was in high school, I had a lot of teachers who just (*talk*) _____₉ too much. Sometimes the students even (*fall*) _____₁₀ asleep in class!

A: I (*agree*) _____₁₁ with you. You will learn faster after you (*think*) _____₁₂ about something than if you just have to remember facts.

B: That's true. I (*take*) _____ a philosophy class now with a wonderful professor. She (*always, ask*) _____ questions! I guess she (*use*) _____ the Socratic method for the whole semester, and I (*not, realize*) _____ it!

► **Practice 7. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Nora is at the hospital because her cousin is having surgery today. The surgery began at 7:00 and is expected to end at noon. Nora arrived at the hospital at 8:00 A.M.
 - a. It's 8:10 A.M. Nora (*wait*) _____ in the waiting room.
 - b. It is now 9:00 A.M. Nora (*wait*) _____ for one hour.
 - c. By 11:00, the surgery will still be going on, and Nora will still be waiting in the waiting room. At that time, Nora (*wait*) _____ in the waiting room for three hours.
2. Hundreds of passengers are in the security line at the airport. Jaime entered the security line at 8:00 A.M.
 - a. It's 8:15 A.M. Jaime (*stand*) _____ in the security line at the airport.
 - b. It is now 9:00 A.M. Jaime (*stand*) _____ in the security line for an hour.
 - c. Jaime is probably going to be standing in the security line for another hour. By 9:30 A.M., he (*stand*) _____ in the security line for an hour and a half.
 - d. Jaime is probably going to be finished standing in the security line by 10:00 A.M. If he is finished at 10:00 A.M., he (*stand*) _____ in line for a total of two hours!

► **Practice 8. Verb tense review.** (Chapters 1 → 4)

Complete the sentences. Write the letter of the correct completion.

1. A: Hurry up! We're waiting for you. What's taking you so long?
 B: I _____ for an important phone call. Go ahead and leave without me.

a. wait	c. have waited
b. will have waited	d. am waiting
2. A: Robert is going to be famous someday. He _____ in three movies already.
 B: I'm sure he'll be a star.

a. has been appearing	c. has appeared
b. had appeared	d. appeared
3. A: Where's Polly?
 B: She _____.

a. is in her room studying	c. studies in her room
b. in her room is studying	d. has studied in her room

4. A: What ____ of the new simplified tax law?
 B: It's more confusing than the old one.
 a. are you thinking c. have you thought
 b. do you think d. have you been thinking
5. A: When is Mr. Fields planning to retire?
 B: Soon, I think. He ____ here for a long time. He'll probably retire either next year or the year after that.
 a. worked c. has been working
 b. had been working d. is working
6. A: Why did you buy all this sugar and chocolate?
 B: I ____ a delicious chocolate cake for dinner tonight.
 a. make c. 'm going to make
 b. will make d. will have made
7. A: Let's go! What's taking you so long?
 B: I'll be there as soon as I ____ my keys.
 a. find c. 'm going to find
 b. will find d. am finding
8. Next week when there ____ a full moon, the ocean tides will be higher.
 a. is being c. is
 b. will be d. will have been
9. While I ____ TV last night, a mouse ran across the floor.
 a. have watched c. watched
 b. was watching d. have been watching
10. Fish were among the earliest forms of life. Fish ____ on earth for ages and ages.
 a. existed c. exist
 b. are existing d. have existed
11. The phone ____ constantly since Jack announced his candidacy for president this morning.
 a. has been ringing c. had rung
 b. rang d. had been ringing
12. The earth ____ on the sun for its heat and light.
 a. depended c. was depending
 b. depending d. depends
13. I don't feel good. I ____ home from work tomorrow.
 a. 'm staying c. stay
 b. will have stayed d. stayed
14. Today there are weather satellites that beam down information about the earth's atmosphere. In the last several decades, space exploration ____ great contributions to weather forecasting.
 a. is making c. makes
 b. has made d. made

