

Grammar Tense Review Exercise 1

(Intermediate level)

Fill in the correct form of the verb – all tenses

1. I _____ a great film yesterday. (*see*)
2. _____ a new car? (*you ever buy*)
3. I _____ him last Monday. (*meet*)
4. The band _____ while I _____
5. She _____ the new car in 2005. (*buy*)
6. Her mother _____ in Victoria for the past five years. (*live*)
7. _____ to get married? (*you plan*)
8. I _____ so much fun since I was a kid. (*have*)
9. When I got up I _____ out of the window and _____ that it _____. (*look, see, rain*)
10. Janet _____ for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us. (*work*)
11. I _____ three movies so far this week. (*see*)
12. How long _____ for me? (*you wait*)
13. I _____ over Loch Ness last week. - _____ the Loch Ness monster? (*fly, you see*)
14. I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I _____. (*already eat*)
15. Peter _____ football in the afternoon when he got the call. (*play*)
16. "What _____ between 9 and 12 yesterday morning?" (*you do*)
17. He kept looking at her, wondering where he _____ her before. (*see*)
18. Travelling _____ much easier in the past hundred years. (*become*)
19. I _____ cake. That's why my hands are full of flour. (*bake*)
20. When I first came to this house it _____ quite a noisy area. (*be*)
21. He twisted his ankle while he _____. (*ski*)
22. _____ the doors before you leave the house? (*you ever lock*)
23. My best friend and I _____ each other for 15 years. (*know*)
24. He never _____ in the evening, only on Sundays. (*work*)
25. Herbert's father _____ his son's birthday (*never forget*)
26. I _____ my report because I had a problem with my computer. (*finish*)

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Grammar Tense Review Exercise 2

(Intermediate-advanced level)

Fill in the correct form of the verb – all tenses

1. My family have _____ (**buy**) some land in southern France recently. They _____ (**build**) a summer house there at the moment.
2. Andy and Mary _____ (**go**) to a concert tomorrow night. They _____ (**look forward to**) it the whole week.
3. Jonathon _____ (**watch**) the news on TV every day and it _____ (**help**) him with his English.
4. My car _____ (**break**) down when I _____ (**drive**) home from work. I _____ (**fix**) it if I _____ (**know**) what was wrong. But I didn't so _____ (**have**) to take it to the garage.
5. When he _____ (**found**) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He _____ (**already write**) his first computer programme six years earlier.
6. Mrs Smith said that one day she _____ (**retire**) from teaching. She said that she _____ (**spend**) her new free time learning about computers.
7. I _____ (**not sleep**) at all last night. Someone _____ (**listen**) to music all night.
8. The judge sentenced the man to 8 years in prison because he _____ (**rob**) a bank.
9. They _____ (**stand**) in the queue for over an hour when the manager _____ (**tell**) them that there were no more tickets.
10. Alan _____ (**be**) in the car accident yesterday. The other driver _____ (**lose**) control of his car because he _____ (**fall**) asleep.
11. She _____ (**not see**) her father since he _____ (**start**) to work in Marseille two years ago.
12. Linda phoned and explained that she _____ (**not can**) to come to the party the next day because she _____ (**be**) still sick.
13. My sister _____ (**fly**) home from London today. Her flight _____ (**arrive**) in an hour so I _____ (**leave**) for the airport right now to get there in time.
14. I _____ (**use**) to ski when I was at the university but I _____ (**break**) a leg five years ago and since then I _____ (**not ski**) anymore.

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Answer Key Exercise 1

1. I **saw** a great film yesterday.
2. **Have you ever bought** a new car?
3. I **met** him last Monday.
4. The band **was playing** while I **was writing**.
5. She **bought** the new car in 2005
6. Her mother **has been living** in Victoria for the past five years.
7. **Are you planning** to get married?
8. I **haven't had** so much fun since I was a kid.
9. When I got up I **looked** out of the window and **saw** that it **was raining**.
10. Janet **had been working** for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us.
11. I **have seen** three movies so far this week.
12. How long **have you been** waiting for me?
13. I **flew** over Loch Ness last week. - **Did you see** the Loch Ness monster?
14. I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I **have already eaten**.
15. Peter **was playing** football in the afternoon when he got the call.
16. "What **were you doing** between 9 and 12 yesterday morning", the detective said.
17. He kept looking at her, wondering where he **had seen** her before.
18. Travelling **has become** much easier and more comfortable in the past hundred years.
19. I **have been baking** cake. That's why my hands are full of flour.
20. When I first **came** to this house it **was** quite a noisy area.
21. He twisted his ankle while he **was skiing**.
22. **Do you ever lock** the doors before you leave the house?
23. My best friend and I **have known** each other for 15 years.
24. He never **works** in the evening, only on Sundays.
25. Herbert's father **never forgets** his son's birthday (**never forget**)
26. I **didn't finish** my report because I had a problem with my computer.

Answer key Exercise 2

1. My family **have bought** (**buy**) some land in southern France recently. They **are building** (**build**) a summer house there at the moment.
2. Andy and Mary **are going** (**go**) to a concert tomorrow night. They **have been looking forward to** (**look forward to**) it the whole week.
3. Jonathon **watches** (**watch**) the news on TV every day and it **helps** (**help**) him with his English.
4. My car **broke** (**break**) down when I **drove / was driving** (**drive**) home from work. I **would have fixed** (**fix**) it if I **had known** (**know**) what was wrong. But I didn't so **had** (**have**) to take it to the garage.
5. When he **founded** (**found**) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He **had already written** (**already write**) his first computer programme six years earlier.
6. Mrs Smith said that one day she would **retire** (**retire**) from teaching. She said that she **would spend** (**spend**) her new free time learning about computers.
7. I **did not sleep** (**not sleep**) at all last night. Someone **was listening** (**listen**) to music all night.
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