

Practice Exercises – Past 1 (Simple Past/ Past Continuous/ Used to)

Review the *Simple Past, Past Continuous, Used to* before doing the exercises.

Choose the answer that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence. There is only one correct answer.

Practice Exercises - Past 1 (S. Past/ Past Continuous/ Used to):

1. She _____ to play tennis when she was a teenager, but now she does.
 - a. didn't use
 - b. wasn't using
 - c. hadn't used
 - d. isn't used

2. There was a helicopter crash last night but nobody _____ killed.
 - a. got
 - b. didn't get
 - c. was getting
 - d. get

3. While Jane and I _____ on the phone last night, we were suddenly cut off.
 - a. are talking
 - b. talk
 - c. were talking
 - d. to talk

4. When my nephew was three, he _____ like to go to nursery school.
 - a. didn't use
 - b. didn't
 - c. doesn't
 - d. wasn't

5. I never _____ get headaches when I was younger but now I often do.
 - a. didn't use to
 - b. used to
 - c. was used
 - d. usually

6. The doorbell suddenly _____ when we were having dinner last night.
 - a. ring
 - b. was ringing
 - c. rung
 - d. rang

7. Yesterday while I was jogging, I _____ an earring.
 - a. lose
 - b. lost
 - c. was losing
 - d. 'm lost

8. When she was a child, Mary used _____ ballet lessons every Monday afternoon.
 - a. taking
 - b. to take
 - c. taken
 - d. took

9. Which soccer team _____ the World Cup two years ago?
 - a. won
 - b. did it win
 - c. winning
 - d. is winning

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10. When I arrived home at 8 p.m. yesterday, my husband _____ TV.
a. watches
b. was watching
c. 's watching
d. used to watch
11. My parents _____ take me to the park on Sundays when I was a child.
a. were used to
b. usually
c. used to
d. were using
12. When I _____ home last night, everyone was already eating.
a. arrive
b. was arriving
c. arrived
d. to arrive
13. I was writing an e-mail when my computer suddenly _____.
a. was crashing
b. crash
c. crashed
d. to crash
14. Mario's parents _____ born in Italy; what about yours?
a. aren't
b. wasn't
c. weren't
d. didn't
15. Christopher Columbus _____ America in 1492.
a. was discovering
b. discover
c. discovered
d. was discovered
16. While Anita _____ breakfast, her husband was taking a shower.
a. was preparing
b. prepare
c. preparing
d. was prepared
17. Every weekend we used _____ our children to the country, when they were very young.
a. taking
b. to take
c. taken
d. took
18. Yesterday I _____ three letters.
a. was receiving
b. receive
c. received
d. used to receive
19. I _____ the kitchen windows when I suddenly heard a strange noise in the living room.
a. 'm cleaning
b. cleaned
c. was cleaning
d. clean

Practice Exercises - Past 1 (S. Past/ Past Continuous/ Used to):

20. _____ to have a lot of parties when you lived in Bethesda?
a. Did you use
b. Were you using
c. Were you used
d. Have you used
21. When Mary and I _____ six years old we went to the same school.
a. was
b. were
c. been
d. had
22. The elderly lady _____ as she was getting off the bus.
a. was falling
b. fell
c. falls
d. fallen
23. When Bob was young, he didn't _____ to dance the polka very well.
a. usually
b. used
c. use
d. Nessuna risposta
24. Alice: "When _____ your parents get married?" Anita: "Thirty years ago."
a. do
b. were
c. are
d. did
25. Mary was getting ready for bed when she suddenly _____ a mouse.
a. saw
b. was seeing
c. seen
d. sees
26. _____ you working in the garden yesterday when you hurt your back?
a. Were
b. Did
c. Have
d. Been
27. When my grandparents were young they _____ to dance the polka.
a. usually
b. used
c. were using
d. use
28. While I was listening to the radio last night, my dog _____ barking.
a. was started
b. was starting
c. started
d. used to start
29. Did you _____ to play volleyball when you were younger?
a. use
b. using
c. used
d. to use

Practice Exercises - Past 1 (S. Past/ Past Continuous/ Used to):

30. Yesterday afternoon I dusted the living room furniture, vacuumed the carpet and then _____ the floor.

- a. washed
- b. was washing
- c. used to wash
- d. wash

31. Sandy was brushing her teeth when she suddenly _____ a loud noise in the kitchen.

- a. was hearing
- b. hear
- c. heard
- d. used to hear