

**Practice Exercises - Past 2 (Simple Past/ Present Perfect Simple/ Present Perfect Continuous)**

Review the *Simple Past*, *Present Perfect Simple*, *Present Perfect Continuous* before doing the exercises.

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

1. Marilyn Monroe \_\_\_\_\_ an Oscar.  
a. has never won  
b. never won  
c. has never been winning  
d. never wins
  
2. Joe's been divorced \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years.  
a. since  
b. until  
c. from  
d. for
  
3. Sue \_\_\_\_\_ to Brazil twice to see the Carnival.  
a. has been  
b. was  
c. has been going  
d. was gone
  
4. How many plays \_\_\_\_\_ before his death?  
a. has Shakespeare written  
b. does Shakespeare write  
c. is Shakespeare writing  
d. did Shakespeare write
  
5. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ a novel. He brought it to his publisher yesterday.  
a. has been writing  
b. has written  
c. writes  
d. was writing
  
6. Oh no, I \_\_\_\_\_ my glasses. I was wearing them an hour ago.  
a. 've just been losing  
b. just lose  
c. was just losing  
d. 've just lost
  
7. Ann: "How long \_\_\_\_\_ for Google?" Tom: "Since 2000."  
a. do you work  
b. are you working  
c. did you work  
d. have you been working
  
8. Last week I \_\_\_\_\_ to a very interesting conference in Rome.  
a. have gone  
b. have been  
c. went  
d. 've been going
  
9. You look exhausted! You \_\_\_\_\_ weights again, have you?  
a. didn't lift  
b. haven't been lifting  
c. won't lift  
d. wouldn't lift

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10. It's still snowing today; it \_\_\_\_\_ for the past three days.  
a. was snowing  
b. has been snowing  
c. snowed  
d. snows
11. My cousin is a fashion model. She \_\_\_\_\_ a fashion model since 2004.  
a. is  
b. has been  
c. was  
d. would be
12. \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris before moving to Berlin?  
a. Do you live  
b. Did you live  
c. Have you been living  
d. Have you lived
13. How many cigarettes \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?  
a. have you smoked  
b. have you been smoking  
c. would you smoke  
d. did you smoke
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ three books this month. They all had a surprise ending.  
a. 'll read  
b. was reading  
c. 've read  
d. 've been reading
15. Sue lives in Milan now. She \_\_\_\_\_ there since last year.  
a. lives  
b. 's living  
c. lived  
d. 's been living
16. My feet hurt and I feel exhausted. I \_\_\_\_\_ since 9 o'clock this morning!  
a. hiked  
b. have been hiking  
c. have hiked  
d. hiking
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ thirty customers since 9 o'clock. I still have ten more to call.  
a. called  
b. have been calling  
c. am calling  
d. have called
18. My dog \_\_\_\_\_ anyone yet.  
a. wasn't biting  
b. hasn't been biting  
c. hasn't bitten  
d. doesn't bite
19. Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ a novel or short story?  
a. wrote  
b. written  
c. write  
d. writing

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20. I used to work as an accountant, but a year ago I \_\_\_\_\_ jobs. I now work as a budget analyst for an international firm.

- a. 've changed
- b. 've been changing
- c. changed
- d. change

21. Sally: "When \_\_\_\_\_ from Harvard Law School?" Martha: "In 2009."

- a. have you graduated
- b. you graduated
- c. did you graduate
- d. would you graduate

22. Laura and I met in high school. We \_\_\_\_\_ best friends ever since then.

- a. 've been
- b. 're
- c. were
- d. 'll be

23. Judy and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ best friends in high school but they are now.

- a. weren't
- b. haven't been
- c. aren't
- d. won't be

24. Paul: "Have you ever been to Australia?" Tony: " Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_."

- a. 've
- b. 'm
- c. have
- d. did

25. \_\_\_\_\_ an IT seminar in Milan two years ago?

- a. Have you attended
- b. Did you attend
- c. Have you been attending
- d. Do you attend

26. I \_\_\_\_\_ many newspapers last week.

- a. haven't read
- b. haven't been reading
- c. didn't read
- d. 'm not reading

27. I \_\_\_\_\_ that film twice this month.

- a. 've seen
- b. saw
- c. 've been seeing
- d. see

28. I \_\_\_\_\_ that film twice last month.

- a. have seen
- b. saw
- c. have been seeing
- d. see

29. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever been to Alaska?

- a. Did
- b. Have
- c. Do
- d. Are

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30. Mario \_\_\_\_\_ his thesis for the last six months and he still hasn't finished it.

- a. 's written
- b. 's been writing
- c. 's writing
- d. wrote

31. How often \_\_\_\_\_ the Net yesterday?

- a. did you surf
- b. have you surfed
- c. have you been surfing
- d. you surfed

32. Last Friday Ms. White \_\_\_\_\_ to Tokyo. She'll be away for two weeks.

- a. 's been
- b. 's gone
- c. went
- d. 's been going