

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.

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

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