

Verbs: Verb Tense Review

Choose the correct verb tense to complete the sentence.

1. Ellen's been studying dance for a long time She _____ 10 years ago.
a. have begun b. was beginning c. began d. had begun
2. "Where's Carmen?" "She _____ a paper."
a. is at the library researching b. researches at the library
c. at the library is researching d. has at the library researched
3. This summer when the tourists _____ all the hotels will be busy.
a. are coming b. come c. will come d. will have come
4. Dogs were among man's earliest companions. Dogs _____ man for ages.
a. helped b. are helping c. help d. have been helping
5. "Hurry up! We're going to be late for the movie. What's keeping you?"
"I _____ for my car keys. I can't find them anywhere."
a. look b. will look c. am looking d. have looked
6. "Why did you buy all this extra food?"
"I _____ a small dinner party tomorrow night."
a. have b. am going to have
c. will have d. will have had
7. While Mary _____ clothes last night, the washer overflowed.
a. wash b. washed c. was washing d. is washing
8. Our department _____ a project on time until last month, when the company hired a new manager who could organize time more efficiently.
a. has never completed b. had never been completing
c. is never completing d. had never completed
9. Children _____ on their parents for love and guidance.
a. are depend b. depending c. had depend d. depend
10. I feel dizzy and feverish. I think I _____ work now; I can't finish my day.
a. am leaving b. leave c. will have left d. will leave

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11. The doorbell _____ constantly since Mary came home from the hospital with her triplets this morning.
a. has been ringing b. had rung
c. rang d. had been ringing
12. "Let's go! We have to leave now if we want to make the beginning of the play." "I'll be there as soon as I _____ my shoes; I can't remember where I left them."
a. found b. will find c. find d. am finding
13. "What _____ of the new Spielberg film?"
"I don't think it's as good as his others."
a. are you thinking b. have you thought
c. do you think d. have you been thinking
14. "Look! I just received an e-mail from Terry. What a coincidence! I _____ about sending him one."
a. was just thinking b. have just been thinking
c. just thought d. was just thought
15. In the last 50 years technological advances in many fields _____ at a phenomenal rate.
a. are increasing b. have increased c. increased d. increase
16. If rain forests continue to disappear at the present rate, soon none _____.
a. will exist b. are existing c. aren't going to exist d. will be existing
17. By the end of this year, Nancy _____ her doctoral thesis for eight months, but she will still need another four months before she's able to finish it and defend it.
a. will be writing b. will have been writing
c. has written d. has been writing
18. The passengers _____ six hours before they finally left the terminal. Their departure was delayed due to bad weather conditions.
a. are waiting b. have been waiting
c. were waiting d. had been waiting