Mixed English Tenses

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Test 2: Past tenses, present perfect, past perfect

Exercise 1: 30 points

Choose the correct tenses.

1. ............................................. Frank in Toronto?
   a) Did you meet  b) Have you met  c) Were you meeting
2. He had a break after he .................................... for two hours.
   a) was walking  b) had been walking  c) has walked
3. I ............................................. her for a long time.
   a) know  b) have known  c) have been knowing
4. We ............................................. the windows and the car on Saturday morning.
   a) were cleaning  b) cleaned  c) have been cleaning
   a) worked  b) have been working  c) have worked
6. I ............................................. you in your office with a girl!
   Really? We ..............................................
   a) saw - 've just talked  b) 've seen - just talked  c) saw - were just talking
7. How many cupboards ............................................. since yesterday?
   a) did they move  b) have they moved  c) have they been moving
8. As he ............................................. a bike, a dog ................. him.
   a) was riding - bit  b) rode - bit  c) was riding - has bitten
9. When the dog ............................................. him, he ................. his bike.
   a) was biting - fell off  b) bit - was falling off  c) bit - fell off
10. I didn't notice that you .............................................
    a) had come  b) came  c) have been coming
11. I can't stand it anymore. I .............................................
    the dishes yet?
    a) Has he washed  b) Has he been washing  c) Did he wash
12. They ............................................. a hotel in York, but then
    they ............................................. it.
    a) have bought - sold  b) bought - have sold  c) bought - sold
13. She couldn't play yesterday because she ............
    ............................................. her ankle the day before.
    a) have sprained  b) sprained  c) had sprained
14. I can't find Todd. Where is he? - He ..............
    .............................................
    a) 's been working  b) worked  c) was working
15. She ............................................. books on the shelves all day. That's why she is so exhausted.
    a) was putting  b) has put  c) has been putting
16. The sun ............................................. and we ............................................. on the white sand.
    a) shone - were lying  b) was shining - were lying  c) shined - lay
17. You ............................................. at last! Where ..............
    ............................................. so long?
    a) arrived - have you been  b) have arrived - you  c) arrived - were you
18. I was so relaxed because I ............................................. anything all day.
    a) have not been doing  b) didn't do  c) had not been doing
19. What's your teaching experience? .............
    ............................................. anyone?
    a) Have you ever taught  b) Did you ever teach  c) Have you ever been teaching
20. She's hurt her arm. - When ......................... it?
    a) has she hurt  b) has she hurted  c) did she hurt

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Where is Mum? - She ....................................
the shopping all the morning.
  a) has done  b) has been doing  c) was doing

At 9.30 I ....................... a documentary on TV.

It .............................................. at 9.20.
  a) was watching - had started  b) watched - has started  c) watched - started

Exercise 2: 30 points

Use past tenses, present perfect or past perfect tenses to complete these sentences.

We ........................................... in Bristol from January to March. (stay)

Where is my wine? Someone ............................ my wine! (drink)

When you .......................... , ...................... you ............................................. fast? (crash, drive)

I'm sorry. Dad isn't here. He .......................... our neighbour's flat since the morning. (decorate)

What a nice coat! Where ........... you ............ it? (buy)

At 6 o'clock he ........................................ there for three hours! (sit)

I want to learn French. But I .......................... yet. (not start)

We didn't want to spend our holiday in Strobl

because ............. already ............ there. (be)

What .................. you ............................ ?
You are so dirty! (do)

Oh, no! I .................... my way. What shall I do? (lose)

Jim .......................... the dishes after dinner.
The kitchen sink is full of plates. (not wash)

She ........................................... three clients since the morning. (contact)

I couldn't help you. I .......................... your problems. (not understand)

Does he know about it? ............ you ............. him yet? (tell)

Bill admitted that he ............................. the catalogue to the agency. (not send)

As soon as I ............................. the message,

I ................................................ my house. (get, leave)

While Maggie .......................... a new jumper,

Jill and I ............................ . (knit, read)

Here he is! He ............................. for me all the time, he ............................ for Ann! (not look, wait)

................. you in your room at 5.30? - Yes,

I think I .......................... my suitcase. (be, pack)

Nice to meet you! I .......................... you for

10 years. What ............... you ........................ all this time? (not see, do)

He .............................., but he'll be back home
today. The doctors ............................. to cure him. (die, manage)

After we ............................. to the top of the hill we had a great view of the bay. (climb)

The pigeon finally delivered the news after it

.............................. for the whole day. (fly)

TOTAL 60 points

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