

## MIXED TENSES

### Set 1

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a festival next month.
2. One day, as I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the station, I \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) a strange-looking man.
3. I can't hear what they \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about.
4. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (see) them since last month.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) our breakfast before we set off.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden when you get back from the shops.
7. By next winter they \_\_\_\_\_ (build) ten houses in this street.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the library twice a week.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/try) to give up smoking?
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my pencil. I can't write with it.
11. While my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (cook), my father \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) this day all my life.
13. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I would study Italian or Spanish.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/find) it yesterday?
15. If you work hard, you \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) your examination.
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) at home on Saturday evening.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/always/write) with your left hand?
18. Look at those grey clouds! It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow).
19. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not meet) her father for seven years.
20. You \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) all day. Let me drive now.
21. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (start) as I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) on.
22. I will come as soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) my task.
23. If you drove more slowly, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) so many accidents.
24. She \_\_\_\_\_ (iron) all afternoon.
25. As we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the road, we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a car coming from behind us.
26. I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the news last night, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) it today.
27. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that, I wouldn't have made a mistake.
28. It is a lovely day. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) and the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).

29. I \_\_\_\_\_(not pay) the telephone bill yet.
30. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_(celebrate) their golden wedding next week.
31. Do you think that he \_\_\_\_\_(recognize) me?
32. If you \_\_\_\_\_(arrive) ten minutes earlier, you would have got a seat.
33. \_\_\_\_\_(you/like) spicy food?
34. Mr. Smith always \_\_\_\_\_(read) his newspaper in the evening. Mrs. Smith sometimes \_\_\_\_\_(knit), but she \_\_\_\_\_(not knit) tonight.
35. It \_\_\_\_\_(snow) heavily when he \_\_\_\_\_(wake) up.
36. I \_\_\_\_\_(not play) football since I \_\_\_\_\_(be) fifteen years old.
37. We \_\_\_\_\_(have) a drink with Peter tonight.
38. We \_\_\_\_\_(buy) a new car. Come and look at it.
39. \_\_\_\_\_(you/smoke) when I \_\_\_\_\_(come) in?
40. What \_\_\_\_\_(he/do) at 5 p.m. yesterday?
41. The concert \_\_\_\_\_(start) before I got to the hall.
42. I \_\_\_\_\_(finish) this book by tomorrow evening.
43. Come in and sit down. I \_\_\_\_\_(make) a sandwich for you.
44. After we \_\_\_\_\_(finish) our dinner, we will watch a video film.
45. She \_\_\_\_\_(play) in a tennis match on Saturday.
46. I \_\_\_\_\_(read) a lot of good books recently.
47. I hope the weather \_\_\_\_\_(not change) for the worse.
48. He \_\_\_\_\_(live) in Canada for three years and then he \_\_\_\_\_(move) to Spain.
49. After I \_\_\_\_\_(hear) the news, I hurried to see him.
50. We \_\_\_\_\_(spend) a few days in Cambridge last month.

## Set 2

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (already/enrol) for an intensive language course.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when an earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ (shake) the house.
3. How often \_\_\_\_\_ (she/go) swimming?
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the piano all day yesterday.
5. In the evenings we usually \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV but today we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) guests.
6. He is the most intelligent man I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever/speak) to.
7. We took a taxi after we \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus.
8. If the weather is nice, we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the mountains.
9. By this time tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the results of my exam.
10. Every day I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the shopping on my own but today I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) my daughter, too.
11. When \_\_\_\_\_ (you/last/go) to the hairdresser's?
12. This is the fastest car I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever/drive).
13. As I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) downstairs, I \_\_\_\_\_ (slip) and \_\_\_\_\_ (fall).
14. How long \_\_\_\_\_ (he/be) unemployed?
15. Before he died, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill for years.
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to contact him tomorrow.
17. I've bought a load of bricks because I \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a house.
18. If you had hurried, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the train.
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ (just/move) into a new house.
20. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) hungry because I only ate a slice of beef for lunch.
21. She \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) her hand when she \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the chicken out of the oven.
22. I can't pay the bill because I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) my purse at home.
23. I wish my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not quarrel) so much when I was a child.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ (it/snow) in England every winter?
25. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at a shop-window when somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (pat) me on the shoulder.
26. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the driving test three times, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not pass) it yet.
27. I don't believe that you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fifty next week.
28. Hey! What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) under the bed? What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/look) for?
29. If you park your car here, you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fined.

30. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/see) the Leaning Tower of Pisa?
31. She \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back on Monday.
32. If you think it over, you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that I am right.
33. He \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg in a skiing accident last year.
34. That film \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the local cinema next week. \_\_\_\_\_  
(you/want) to see it?
35. I've hired a typewriter and I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to type.
36. I could get a job easily if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a degree.
37. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (use) my bicycle. The chain's fallen off.
38. While he \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the flowers, it \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to rain.
39. The kettle \_\_\_\_\_ (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?
40. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very cold this year.
41. These two men \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) across Africa.
42. Perhaps he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in time for lunch.
43. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the station, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me.
44. Chopin \_\_\_\_\_ (compose) some of his music in Majorca.
45. I can't go out because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) my work yet.
46. \_\_\_\_\_ (your mother/work) in this hospital?
47. The lift \_\_\_\_\_ (not start) until you press the button.
48. Mr. Count \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (retire) and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to live in the country.
49. Where is Peter? \_\_\_\_\_ (he/have) a shower?
50. \_\_\_\_\_ (your father/speak) any foreign languages?

### Set 3

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (dream) when the alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
2. This box \_\_\_\_\_ (contain) old magazines.
3. Don't switch off the computer. I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) it.
4. This young producer \_\_\_\_\_ (make) four films so far.
5. A strong wind \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) all day.
6. There was no sign of a taxi although I \_\_\_\_\_ (order) one half an hour before.
7. There isn't a cloud in the sky. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a lovely day.
8. As soon as you \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the news, will you let me know?
9. I hope I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) my own exhibition by the age of 25.
10. I rang at one, but you weren't in your office. - No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch at that time.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (the teacher/ correct) our tests yet?
12. Two people \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in a fire yesterday.
13. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) me every Sunday.
14. By the way, who \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the quiz show last night?
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) interested in classical music all my life.
16. He can't answer the phone because he \_\_\_\_\_ (paper) the living-room.
17. Since when \_\_\_\_\_ (you/be) able to cook such delicious goulash?
18. I never \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema but now I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) because there is a good film.
19. Last Tuesday I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a day off because I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a terrible headache.
20. This is the second time I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) up smoking.
21. I think the shortage of housing always \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a serious problem in Hungary.
22. If I had more money, I \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around the world.
23. By the end of the month thousands of people \_\_\_\_\_ (see) this exhibition.
24. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the shopping in your family?
25. \_\_\_\_\_ (these trousers/be) out of fashion next year?
26. The plumber \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) the taps for two hours.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/still/do) your homework?
28. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter to you if I hadn't lost your address.
29. You \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off the chair if you stand in such an unstable position on it.
30. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the car now.
31. They \_\_\_\_\_ (just/sell) their old house.

32. Every year our school \_\_\_\_\_(have) a charity day. We \_\_\_\_\_ (do) jobs and \_\_\_\_\_(collect) money for charity.
33. We \_\_\_\_\_(sit) in the park when it \_\_\_\_\_(start) to rain.
34. She \_\_\_\_\_(write) her third novel by next November.
35. It's more than 6 years since she \_\_\_\_\_(go) abroad.
36. I \_\_\_\_\_(never/have) such a strange dream.
37. My mother \_\_\_\_\_(be) able to drive for 5 years.
38. Look! Sarah \_\_\_\_\_(cut) the grass.
39. My brother \_\_\_\_\_(watch) horror films all day. Perhaps he should stop.
40. \_\_\_\_\_(you/like) stuffed cabbage?
41. My sister \_\_\_\_\_(stop) smoking more than a year ago.
42. I \_\_\_\_\_(be) married for nearly five years.
43. I wish they \_\_\_\_\_(not eat) all the chocolate cake yesterday.
44. Would you recognize your attacker if you \_\_\_\_\_(see) him again, madam?
45. I can't see what they \_\_\_\_\_(do).
46. I \_\_\_\_\_(have) a shower before I went to bed.
47. By next summer she \_\_\_\_\_(have) her baby.
48. She \_\_\_\_\_(not like) classical music.
49. (you/be) at home tomorrow evening?
50. We \_\_\_\_\_(not drink) beer for a long time.

## Set 4

1. While the children (sleep) their parents (watch) TV.
2. You (dream) at night?
3. If I (be) older, I would go to that concert on my own.
4. My father (work) on the computer all day.
5. Look. Somebody (break) the window.
6. This is the best coffee I ever (drink).
7. When they last (go) to the cinema?
8. We (see) a lot of good films recently.
9. What the children (do) when the teacher (enter) the room?
10. They (repair) the road by next Friday.
11. I (not meet) him since Monday.
12. We (paint) the living-room. Come and look at it.
13. In our family everybody (be) interested in sports.
14. They (be) on holiday in Italy last summer.
15. If I have enough money, I (buy) a new computer.
16. How long they (live) in this town?
17. He just (buy) a new camera.
18. Where is Jack? He (do) his homework?
19. As I (clean) the attic I (find) a box containing old books.
20. My cousin (study) French at a language school three times a week.
21. You (sweep) the floor yet?
22. I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.
23. It is the second time she (travel) abroad.
24. My youngest brother (get) a job a week ago.
25. Why don't you switch off the radio? You (not listen) to it.
26. I will phone you as soon as I (get) home.
27. My sister (live) in France. She (send) me an e-mail every week.
28. We won't go home until you (kick) us out of your house.
29. I'm sure they (telephone) us if they had got lost.
30. John came into my office while I (write) my report.
31. My sister (come) home on Sunday.

32. I wish the school year (finish) earlier.
33. By the time we (arrive) at the station, the train (leave).
34. Our flat (consist) of three rooms.
35. Since when you (work) for this firm?
36. I just (apply) for a job as a waiter.
37. I'd rather you (not use) my phone for private calls.
38. You (do) a favour for me, please?
39. What (happen) if she doesn't come to work?
40. I (finish) my report by 10 o'clock tomorrow.
41. Before I went to the meeting I (do) the washing-up.
42. She (be) thirty years old next week.
43. I (not speak) Russian since I (leave) school.
44. How you (get) home if there aren't any buses?
45. I (expect) a call. I wish the phone would rang.
46. They (go) to Cardiff last year.
47. While we (help) in the kitchen, my brother (play) basketball with his friends.
48. If the weather (be) nice, I will go to school on foot.
49. Francis always (go) to work by car, but today she (go) by bus.
50. When he was younger he (play) football every day.



## Set 5

1. I (save) up because I (go) abroad in July.
2. I (make) a cake when the light (go) out.
3. Here are your shoes. I just (clean) them.
4. He (play) at Wimbledon next summer.
5. If he works well I (pay) him ten pounds.
6. By the time he got downstairs, the telephone (stop) ringing.
7. We can't make any decision till he (arrive) here.
8. The manager (talk) to an important customer at the moment.
9. When you last (have) a holiday? I (not have) one for three years.
10. I (invite) Ann to dinner last night but she couldn't come.
11. This message just (arrive) and the man (wait) in case you (want) to send a reply.
12. While the guests (dance) thieves (break) into the house and (steal) a lot of fur coats.
13. My children (love) watching television.
14. She was sorry she (drive) so fast.
15. We (have) no gas since the strike (begin).
16. The telephone (be) invented in 1876.
17. The weather (be) too bad to go out now.
18. I was tired after we (climb) the mountain.
19. Who (prepare) the breakfast in your family?
20. She usually (read) in the evening, but today she (go) to the theatre.
21. What the world (be) like in the future?
22. A well-known author (visit) our school last week.
23. Your husband (speak) any foreign languages?
24. She (live) in this town for ten years then she (move) to Los Angeles.
25. How long you (be) interested in politics?
26. I hope he (come) home in time.
27. While the children (play) in the yard, the teachers (talk).
28. You would get a better job if you (have) a degree.
29. What you usually (drink) for breakfast?
30. You (be) to the opera this week? - Yes, I (go) to *Faust* on Friday.
31. Her mother (send) her to France next year.

32. He had indigestion because he (eat) his meal too fast.
33. Although they (live) in the country since they (be) married, they (move) to the town now.
34. If you had studied harder, you (pass) your exam.
35. This is the most dangerous bend I ever (see).
36. We (spend) a few weeks in Majorca next summer.
37. She (tidy) the flat all day yesterday.
38. How many times you (see) this film?
39. The concert already (start) when they arrived.
40. I (go) home as soon as the lesson ends.
41. Stay with me till it (get) dark.
42. Peter couldn't find his car keys as it (be) dark.
43. If we leave the car here it (not be) in anybody's way.
44. Our boss is still in the office, he (not leave) yet.
45. As it (not rain) at the moment I will go to the shop.
46. I (buy) some bread for breakfast. Here you are.
47. Jimmy (work) harder since he (fail) the exam.
48. You (save) me a lot of trouble if you had told me where you were going.
49. When she went to the bathroom she found the maid (prepare) the towel and soap for her already.
50. Why you (wear) an engagement ring? You are not engaged.