



## Mixed Tenses: All Tenses Review (B2)

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- By the time the rescue team arrived, the hikers \_\_\_\_ for three days without food.  
a) survived  
b) were surviving  
c) had survived  
d) had been surviving
- This is the first time I \_\_\_\_ such a challenging exam.  
a) take  
b) have taken  
c) took  
d) had taken
- She \_\_\_\_ the company for 20 years when she finally became CEO.  
a) worked for  
b) was working for  
c) had been working for  
d) has been working for
- I wish I \_\_\_\_ harder when I was at university.  
a) studied  
b) have studied  
c) had studied  
d) was studying
- By next December, they \_\_\_\_ married for 25 years.  
a) will have been  
b) will be  
c) are  
d) have been
- The scientist \_\_\_\_ on this research for a decade, and she's still making discoveries.  
a) works  
b) is working  
c) has been working  
d) worked
- At this time tomorrow, the CEO \_\_\_\_ the quarterly results to shareholders.  
a) presents  
b) is presenting  
c) will present  
d) will be presenting
- The more I \_\_\_\_ about this issue, the more concerned I become.  
a) learn  
b) am learning  
c) have learned  
d) had learned
- If you \_\_\_\_ me earlier, I could have helped you.  
a) had told  
b) told  
c) have told  
d) would tell
- She \_\_\_\_ to resign, but she changed her mind at the last minute.  
a) went  
b) was going  
c) has gone  
d) had gone
- No sooner \_\_\_\_ home than it started to rain.  
a) I got  
b) had I got  
c) I have got  
d) I was getting

12. It's high time you \_\_\_ looking for a new job.  
a) start  
b) have started  
c) will start  
d) started
13. I \_\_\_ you were coming, so I didn't prepare any food.  
a) didn't know  
b) don't know  
c) haven't known  
d) wasn't knowing
14. By the end of this month, I \_\_\_ at this company for exactly five years.  
a) will work  
b) will be working  
c) will have worked  
d) will have been working
15. The rumor \_\_\_ around the office all week.  
a) goes  
b) is going  
c) has been going  
d) went
16. Hardly \_\_\_ the presentation when the fire alarm went off.  
a) she started  
b) had she started  
c) she has started  
d) did she start
17. I'd rather you \_\_\_ me before making such an important decision.  
a) consult  
b) consulted  
c) have consulted  
d) had consulted
18. The company \_\_\_ significant progress since the new management took over.  
a) makes  
b) has made  
c) made  
d) is making
19. This time next year, I \_\_\_ in my new apartment in London.  
a) live  
b) am living  
c) will be living  
d) will have lived
20. As soon as I \_\_\_ from you, I'll make the arrangements.  
a) hear  
b) will hear  
c) am hearing  
d) have heard



## Answers

1. d) had been surviving
2. b) have taken
3. c) had been working for
4. c) had studied
5. a) will have been
6. c) has been working
7. d) will be presenting
8. a) learn
9. a) had told
10. b) was going
11. b) had I got
12. d) started
13. a) didn't know
14. d) will have been working
15. c) has been going
16. b) had she started
17. d) had consulted
18. b) has made
19. c) will be living
20. a) hear



# Explanations

**1. “had been surviving” (d)**

Use Past Perfect Continuous to emphasize the duration of an action before another past event.

**2. “have taken” (b)**

Use Present Perfect after 'This is the first/second time...' to talk about experiences.

**3. “had been working for” (c)**

Use Past Perfect Continuous to emphasize the duration of an action before a past achievement. The structure is 'had been + verb-ing'.

**4. “had studied” (c)**

Use Past Perfect after 'I wish' to express regret about the past.

**5. “will have been” (a)**

Use Future Perfect for a state that will have lasted a certain duration by a future point.

**6. “has been working” (c)**

Use Present Perfect Continuous for an action that started in the past and continues now.

**7. “will be presenting” (d)**

Use Future Continuous for an action in progress at a specific future time.

**8. “learn” (a)**

Use Present Simple in comparative structures 'The more... the more...'.

**9. “had told” (a)**

Use Past Perfect in the 'if' clause of third conditional sentences.

**10. “was going” (b)**

Use 'was going to' for past intentions that didn't happen.

**11. “had I got” (b)**

Use Past Perfect with inversion after 'No sooner... than'.

**12. “started” (d)**

Use Past Simple after 'It's (high) time' to express that something should happen now.

**13. “didn't know” (a)**

Use Past Simple for states in the past. 'Know' is a stative verb.

**14. “will have been working” (d)**

Use Future Perfect Continuous to emphasize the duration up to a future point.

**15. “has been going” (c)**

Use Present Perfect Continuous for an action that has been happening recently and may continue.

**16. “had she started” (b)**

Use Past Perfect with inversion after 'Hardly... when'.

**17. “had consulted” (d)**

Use Past Perfect after 'I'd rather' when referring to past actions we wish had happened differently.

**18. “has made” (b)**

Use Present Perfect with 'since' to connect a past event to the present result.

**19. “will be living” (c)**

Use Future Continuous for a situation that will be in progress at a specific future time.

**20. “hear” (a)**

Use Present Simple after time conjunctions like 'as soon as' to refer to future events.