



Time Expressions: Tenses & Time Expressions

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I ___ here since 2015.
a) lived
b) have lived
c) live
d) am living
2. She ___ to Paris three years ago.
a) has gone
b) went
c) goes
d) is going
3. By the time we arrived, the movie ____.
a) started
b) has started
c) had started
d) starts
4. I ___ for this company for ten years.
a) work
b) worked
c) am working
d) have worked
5. They ___ married in 2010.
a) have got
b) got
c) get
d) are getting
6. I ___ just finished my lunch.
a) am
b) have
c) had
d) was
7. He ___ never seen the ocean before his trip last year.
a) has
b) had
c) was
d) is
8. We ___ already eaten when she arrived.
a) have
b) had
c) were
d) are
9. She ___ here since Monday.
a) is
b) was
c) has been
d) had been
10. I ___ him yesterday.
a) have seen
b) saw
c) see
d) am seeing
11. Have you ever ___ to Japan?
a) go
b) went
c) been
d) going

12. They ___ for two hours when the train finally arrived.
a) waited
b) have waited
c) were waiting
d) had been waiting
13. I ___ this book last week.
a) have bought
b) bought
c) buy
d) am buying
14. She ___ in London for five years now.
a) lived
b) has lived
c) lives
d) is living
15. By next month, I ___ here for a year.
a) work
b) will work
c) have worked
d) will have worked
16. I ___ never tasted such delicious food!
a) am
b) have
c) had
d) was
17. He ___ working here in 2019.
a) has started
b) started
c) starts
d) is starting
18. I ___ known her since we were children.
a) am
b) had
c) was
d) have
19. When I arrived, everyone _____.
a) left
b) has left
c) had left
d) leaves
20. She ___ yet replied to my message.
a) didn't
b) hasn't
c) doesn't
d) wasn't



Answers

1. b) have lived
2. b) went
3. c) had started
4. d) have worked
5. b) got
6. b) have
7. b) had
8. b) had
9. c) has been
10. b) saw
11. c) been
12. d) had been waiting
13. b) bought
14. b) has lived
15. d) will have worked
16. b) have
17. b) started
18. d) have
19. c) had left
20. b) hasn't



Explanations

1. “have lived” (b)

'Since' requires Present Perfect (have lived), not Past Simple.

2. “went” (b)

'Ago' requires Past Simple (went), not Present Perfect.

3. “had started” (c)

'By the time' + past event requires Past Perfect (had started).

4. “have worked” (d)

'For' + period with continuing situation requires Present Perfect.

5. “got” (b)

A specific year in the past (2010) requires Past Simple.

6. “have” (b)

'Just' typically pairs with Present Perfect (have finished).

7. “had” (b)

'Before' + past event requires Past Perfect (had never seen).

8. “had” (b)

'Already' + action before another past action requires Past Perfect.

9. “has been” (c)

'Since' + point in time requires Present Perfect (has been).

10. “saw” (b)

'Yesterday' is a finished time, requiring Past Simple.

11. “been” (c)

'Have you ever' requires Past Participle (been).

12. “had been waiting” (d)

'For' + duration before a past event suggests Past Perfect Continuous.

13. “bought” (b)

'Last week' is a finished time, requiring Past Simple.

14. “has lived” (b)

'For five years' + 'now' indicates a continuing situation (Present Perfect).

15. “will have worked” (d)

'By next month' + duration requires Future Perfect.

16. “have” (b)

'Never' with life experience requires Present Perfect.

17. “started” (b)

A specific year (2019) requires Past Simple.

18. “have” (d)

'Since' with a past point and current relevance requires Present Perfect.

19. “had left” (c)

'When I arrived' + earlier action requires Past Perfect (had left).

20. “hasn't” (b)

'Yet' in negatives requires Present Perfect (hasn't replied).