

**MIXED TENSES EXERCISES**

**Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.**

1. I (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ English for seven years now.
2. But last year I (not / work) \_\_\_\_\_ hard enough for English, that's why my marks (not / be) \_\_\_\_\_ really that good then.
3. As I (pass / want) \_\_\_\_\_ my English exam successfully next year, I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ harder this term.
4. During my last summer holidays, my parents (send) \_\_\_\_\_ me on a language course to London.
5. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ great and I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
6. Before I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to London, I (not / enjoy) \_\_\_\_\_ learning English.
7. But while I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the language course, I (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ lots of young people from all over the world.
8. There I (notice) \_\_\_\_\_ how important it (be) \_\_\_\_\_ to speak foreign languages nowadays.
9. Now I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ much more fun learning English than I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ before the course.
10. At the moment I (revise) \_\_\_\_\_ English grammar.
11. And I (begin / already) \_\_\_\_\_ to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
12. I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ one unit every week.
13. My exam (be) \_\_\_\_\_ on 15 May, so there (not / be) \_\_\_\_\_ any time to be lost.
14. If I (pass) \_\_\_\_\_ my exams successfully, I (start) \_\_\_\_\_ an apprenticeship in September.
15. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ back to London to work there for a while.

## KEY

1. I have been learning action that started in the past and is still going on now, emphasis is put on the duration (signal word: for seven years) - Present Perfect Progressive English for seven years now.
2. But last year I was not working hard enough for English, that's why my marks were not **1st verb: you can either use past progressive or simple past.**
  - a) Past Progressive: puts emphasis on the duration
  - b) Simple Past: puts emphasis on the fact**2nd verb: a fact in the past - Simple Past.** really that good then.
3. As I want to pass my English exam successfully next year, I am going to study 1st verb: situation in the present - Simple Present (after 'want' use 'to' + infinitive)  
2nd verb: decision made for the future - Future I going to. harder this term.
4. During my last summer holidays, my parents sent completed action in the past - Simple Past me on a language course to London.
5. It was great and I think I have learned 1st verb: fact in the past - Simple Past  
2nd verb: situation in the present - Simple Present  
3rd verb: finished action that has an influence on the present. emphasis is on the result - Present Perfect Simple a lot.
6. Before I went to London, I had not enjoyed 1st verb: action in the past - Simple Past  
2nd verb: action taking place before that certain time in the past (signal word: before) - Past Perfect. learning English.
7. But while I was doing the language course, I met 1st verb: action taking place only for a certain period in the past - Past Progressive  
2nd verb: short actions in the past taking place in the middle of another action - Simple Past. lots of young people from all over the world.
8. There I noticed how important it is 1st verb: observation in the past - Simple Past  
2nd verb: general fact that is true for the present - Simple Present to speak foreign languages nowadays.
9. Now I have much more fun learning English than I had 1st verb: situation in the present - Simple Present  
2nd verb: situation in the past - Simple Past before the course.
10. At the moment I am revising action happening around now (signal word: at the moment) - Present Progressive English grammar.
11. And I have already begun action that has just started (signal word: already), emphasis is put on the fact (not the duration) - Present Perfect Simple to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
12. I think I will do 1st verb: feeling in the present - Simple Present  
2nd verb: assumption with regard to the future (signal word: I think) - Future I will one unit every week.
13. My exam is on 15 May, so there is not 1st verb: the exact date for the exam is already scheduled - Simple Present.  
2nd verb: idiomatic expression any time to be lost.
14. If I pass my exams successfully, I will start conditional sentence type I: if + Simple Present, Future I will an apprenticeship in September.

15. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I will go [assumption / dream for the future](#) *ermutung - Future I mit will.* 🗨️ back to London to work there for a while.

**16. Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.**

1. They (build)  a new power station at the moment.
2. When I was buying the stamps somebody (call)  my name.
3. 'What time (Kevin come) ?' 'An hour ago.'
4. I (not go)  to the cinema last night. I was too tired.
5. Carol invited us to the party but we (not go) . We had other things to do.
6. I saw Bridget at the museum when I was going to the restaurant but she (not see)  me.
7. 'Where (your parents live) ?' 'In a village near London. They have always lived there.'
8. She speaks English but she (not speak)  French.
9. Jeff is from London. He (live)  there all his life.
10. My favourite country is Canada. I (be)  there four times.
11. I (never eat)  bananas.
12. 'How long (you study)  Photography?' 'For one year.'
13. 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'I don't know. We (not decide)  yet.'
14. Who (invent)  the washing machine?

15. 'Where's Jill?' 'She (have)  lunch at the moment.'
16. (Terry work)  ? No, he is on holiday.
17. Somebody (steal)  my sunglasses at the swimming pool last week.
18. (she wear)  the nice jacket when you saw her?
19. Where (be)  you yesterday?
17. 20. As you (see / can) , I (become)  a real London fan already.

## 18. RESULTS

1. They (build) **ARE BUILDING** a new power station at the moment.
2. When I was buying the stamps somebody (call) **CALLED** my name.
3. 'What time (Kevin come) **DID KEVIN COME ?** 'An hour ago.'
4. I (not go) **DID NOT GO** to the cinema last night. I was too tired.
5. Carol invited us to the party but we (not go) **DID NOT GO** . We had other things to do.
6. I saw Bridget at the museum when I was going to the restaurant but she (not see) **DID NOT SEE** me.
7. 'Where (your parents live) **DO YOUR PARENTS LIVE ?** 'In a village near London. They have always lived there.'
8. She speaks English but she (not speak) **DOES NOT SPEAK** French.
9. Jeff is from London. He (live) **HAS LIVED** there all his life.
10. My favourite country is Canada. I (be) **HAVE BEEN** there four times.
11. I (never eat) **HAVE NEVER EATEN** bananas.

12. 'How long (you study) **HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING** Photography?'

'For one year.'

13. 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'I don't know. We (not decide)**HAVE NOT DECIDED** yet.'

14. Who (invent) **INVENTED** the washing machine?

15. 'Where's Jill?' 'She (have) **IS HAVING** lunch at the moment.'

16. (Terry work) **IS TERRY WORKING** ? No, he is on holiday.

17. Somebody (steal) **STOLE** my sunglasses at the swimming pool last week.

18. (she wear) **WAS SHE WEARING** the nice jacket when you saw her?

19. Where (be) **WERE** you yesterday?

19.        20. As you can see, I have become 1st verb: situation in the present - Simple Present (after 'can' use the infinitive without 'to')  
2nd verb: situation from the past to the present, emphasis is put on the fact - Present Perfect Simple 🗨️ a real London fan already.