

ELTE Verb tenses practice (quiz 5)

1. The team ___ the new strategy when the CEO announced the changes.

- ☐ (A) will discuss
- ☐ (B) discusses
- ☐ (C) discussed
- ☐ (D) was discussing

2. By the time the contract is signed, we ___ the terms for weeks.

- ☐ (A) will have been negotiating
- ☐ (B) negotiate
- ☐ (C) negotiated
- ☐ (D) will negotiate

3. We ___ the new policy since last month.

- ☐ (A) implemented
- ☐ (B) have been implementing
- ☐ (C) implement
- ☐ (D) will implement

4. The company ___ its profits before the recession hit.

- ☐ (A) increased
- ☐ (B) increases
- ☐ (C) will increase
- ☐ (D) had increased

5. By the end of the month, the team ___ the project for three weeks.

- ☐ (A) will work on
- ☐ (B) worked on
- ☐ (C) will have been working on
- ☐ (D) works on

6. The consultant ___ the report when the client arrived.

- ☐ (A) was finishing
- ☐ (B) finished
- ☐ (C) will finish
- ☐ (D) finishes

7. By the time we launch, we ___ the product for a year.

- ☐ (A) will develop
- ☐ (B) develop
- ☐ (C) developed
- ☐ (D) will have been developing

8. Since the merger, the company ___ its market share.

- ☐ (A) will increase
- ☐ (B) increases
- ☐ (C) increased
- ☐ (D) has increased

9. The team ___ the presentation for two hours when the power went out.

- ☐ (A) had been preparing
- ☐ (B) prepared
- ☐ (C) prepares
- ☐ (D) will prepare

10. By the end of the year, we ___ the new branch for six months.

- ☐ (A) will have been operating
- ☐ (B) operate
- ☐ (C) will operate
- ☐ (D) operated

11. The manager ___ the project when the client called.

- ☐ (A) will review
- ☐ (B) reviewed
- ☐ (C) reviews
- ☐ (D) was reviewing

12. By next quarter, the company ___ its expansion plans.

- ☐ (A) will have completed
- ☐ (B) completes
- ☐ (C) will complete
- ☐ (D) completed

13. We ___ the new software since last year.

- ☐ (A) have been using
- ☐ (B) used
- ☐ (C) will use
- ☐ (D) use

14. The CEO ___ the company for 10 years before retiring.

- ☐ (A) had been leading
- ☐ (B) leads
- ☐ (C) is leading
- ☐ (D) will lead

15. By the time the meeting started, the team ___ the report.

- ☐ (A) completes
- ☐ (B) was completing
- ☐ (C) will complete
- ☐ (D) had completed

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Answer Key:

1. The past continuous '**was discussing**' describes an ongoing action interrupted by another past event. Teams often discuss strategies when unexpected announcements occur.
2. The future perfect continuous '**will have been negotiating**' indicates an ongoing action that will continue up to a future point. Contract terms are often negotiated over weeks.
3. The present perfect continuous '**have been implementing**' describes an action that started in the past and continues to the present. Policies are often implemented over time.
4. The past perfect simple '**had increased**' is used to show that the action was completed before another past event. Companies often increase profits before economic downturns.
5. The future perfect continuous '**will have been working on**' indicates an ongoing action that will continue up to a future point. Projects often require weeks of work.
6. The past continuous '**was finishing**' describes an ongoing action interrupted by another past event. Consultants often finish reports when clients arrive unexpectedly.
7. The future perfect continuous '**will have been developing**' indicates an ongoing action that will continue up to a future point. Product development often spans years before launch.
8. The present perfect '**has increased**' is used for actions that started in the past and continue to the present. Mergers often lead to increased market share.
9. The past perfect continuous '**had been preparing**' shows an ongoing action completed before another past event. Teams often prepare presentations for hours before disruptions.
10. The future perfect continuous '**will have been operating**' indicates an ongoing action that will continue up to a future point. Businesses often track branch operations over time.
11. The past continuous '**was reviewing**' describes an ongoing action interrupted by another past event. Managers often review projects when unexpected calls occur.
12. The future perfect simple '**will have completed**' is used to describe an action that will be finished before a specific future time. Companies often set deadlines for expansion plans.

13. The present perfect continuous '**have been using**' is used to describe an action that started in the past and continues to the present. Businesses often use software over long periods.
14. The past perfect continuous '**had been leading**' indicates an ongoing action that was completed in the past. CEOs often lead companies for extended periods before retiring.
15. The past perfect simple '**had completed**' is used to show that the action was finished before another past event. In business, reports are often completed before meetings.