

ELTE Verb tenses revision quiz

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By the time the committee reaches a decision, we _____ for over six months.

- (A) will deliberate
- (B) will have been deliberating
- (C) are deliberating
- (D) will be deliberating

2. I _____ of calling you yesterday, but my phone battery died at the most inconvenient moment.

- (A) thought
- (B) had thought
- (C) was thinking
- (D) would think

3. Next Tuesday at noon, the astronauts _____ through the Earth's atmosphere.

- (A) will re-enter
- (B) will have re-entered
- (C) will be re-entering
- (D) are re-entering

4. If they hadn't done what they did, the company _____ into bankruptcy months ago.

- (A) would go
- (B) had gone
- (C) would have gone
- (D) went

5. Little did I know then that I _____ my future business partner that very evening.
- (A) will meet
 - (B) would be meeting
 - (C) had met
 - (D) was met
6. By the end of this decade, scientists _____ a sustainable alternative to plastic.
- (A) will discover
 - (B) are discovering
 - (C) will have discovered
 - (D) will be discovering
7. I was exhausted last night because I _____ on that report since five in the morning.
- (A) was working
 - (B) worked
 - (C) had been working
 - (D) have been working
8. The CEO _____ to resign by the end of the fiscal year, though no official announcement has been made.
- (A) is rumored
 - (B) rumors
 - (C) has rumored
 - (D) is to rumor
9. By next month, she _____ as the head of the department for exactly ten years.
- (A) will be serving
 - (B) will have served
 - (C) is serving
 - (D) will have been serving

10. Had I realized the complexity of the task, I _____ so much on my plate.

- (A) wouldn't take
- (B) hadn't taken
- (C) wouldn't have taken
- (D) didn't take

11. When the delegation arrived, the negotiations _____ for nearly three hours.

- (A) already lasted
- (B) were already lasting
- (C) had already been going on
- (D) have already been going on

12. In fifty years' time, most people _____ in mega-cities rather than rural areas.

- (A) will live
- (B) will be living
- (C) will have lived
- (D) are to live

13. I _____ to finish the book by tonight, but I've only reached page fifty.

- (A) hoped
- (B) had hoped
- (C) have hoped
- (D) was hoping

14. Don't call me at 8 PM; I _____ the Champions League final.

- (A) will watch
- (B) will be watching
- (C) will have watched
- (D) am watching

15. As soon as the meeting ended, I _____ a quick email to the stakeholders.

- (A) had been sending
- (B) will send
- (C) sent
- (D) had sent

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i We use the Future Perfect Continuous (will have been deliberating) to show the duration of an action up to a specific point in the future.

2. I _____ of calling you yesterday, but my phone battery died at the most inconvenient moment.

- A thought
- B had thought
- C was thinking
- D would think

i The Past Continuous (was thinking) is used here to describe an unfulfilled intention or a "planned" action in the past.

3. Next Tuesday at noon, the astronauts _____ through the Earth's atmosphere.

- A will re-enter
- B will have re-entered
- C will be re-entering
- D are re-entering

i The Future Continuous (will be re-entering) describes an action that will be in progress at a specific point in time.

4. If they hadn't done what they did, the company _____ into bankruptcy months ago.

- A would go
- B had gone
- C would have gone
- D went

i This is a Third Conditional structure used to describe a hypothetical past result that didn't happen (would have gone)

5. Little did I know then that I _____ my future business partner that very evening.

- A will meet
- B would be meeting
- C had met
- D was met

i We use would + be + -ing (would be meeting) to describe an event that was destined to happen from a past perspective.

6. By the end of this decade, scientists _____ a sustainable alternative to plastic.

- A will discover
- B are discovering
- C will have discovered
- D will be discovering

i The Future Perfect (will have discovered) is used for an action that will be completed before a certain time in the future.

7. I was exhausted last night because I _____ on that report since five in the morning.

- A was working
- B worked
- C had been working
- D have been working

i The Past Perfect Continuous (had been working) emphasizes the duration of a past activity that caused a specific state.

8. The CEO _____ to resign by the end of the fiscal year, though no official announcement has been made.

- A is rumored
- B rumors
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i This is a passive reporting verb structure (is rumored) used for formal speculation

9. By next month, she _____ as the head of the department for exactly ten years.

- A will be serving
- B will have served
- C is serving
- D will have been serving

i Another instance of Future Perfect Continuous (will have been serving) to emphasize the length of time of a continuous state.

10. Had I realized the complexity of the task, I _____ so much on my plate.

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- C wouldn't have taken
- D didn't take

i Use of third conditional expressing hypothesis in past (wouldn't have taken)

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- D have already been going on

i Use Past Perfect Continuous (had already been going on) for an action that began before another past action and continued up to it.

12. In fifty years' time, most people _____ in mega-cities rather than rural areas.

- A will live
- B will be living
- C will have lived
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i The Future Continuous (will be living) is often used to make predictions about trends or "business as usual" in the future.

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- B had hoped
- C have hoped
- D was hoping

i The Past Perfect (had hoped) is used with verbs like hope, intend, expect to show that a past hope was not realized.

14. Don't call me at 8 PM; I _____ the Champions League final.

- A will watch
- B will be watching
- C will have watched
- D am watching

i Use Future Continuous (will be watching) to indicate you will be "busy" doing an action at that specific time.

15. As soon as the meeting ended, I _____ a quick email to the stakeholders.

- A had been sending
- B will send
- C sent
- D had sent

i This is a sequence of past events (first the meeting ended, then I sent the email).