A2 B1 LEVEL GRAMMAR TESTS

Past Simple Used To Test A2 – B1 Grammar Exercises

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1. Last week, I _____ my friend Harry and we _____ about the Australian Open tennis final.
A) see / talk
B) saw / talked
C) am seeing / talk
D) used to see / are talking

2. Azra _____ blonde hair, but now she has brown hair because she _____ it yesterday.
A) is having / used to dye
B) had / is dyeing
C) used to have / dyed
D) has / dyes

3. A: What _____ you _____ last weekend?

B: I _____ volleyball and basketball.
A) do / do / play
B) are / doing / am playing
C) did / use to / used to play
D) did / do / played

4. The famous computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee _____ the World Wide Web in 1989.
A) invents **B)** invented
C) used to invent **D)** is inventing

5. I _____ home this morning at half-past seven. I _____ at school at quarter to nine.
A) left / arrived
B) leave / am arriving
C) am leaving / are arriving
D) left / used to arrive

6. A: What did you _____ with your sick dog?

B: We _____ him to the vet.
A) does / take **B)** do / took
C) doing / takes **D)** did / are taking

7. A: Did Nur call you yesterday?

B: No, she _____ call me.

A: I guess she _____ busy.
A) didn't use to / wasn't **B)** don't / is
C) doesn't / is **D)** didn't / was

8. We _____ talent shows on TV, but now, we _____ them twice a week.
A) didn't use to like / watch
B) aren't liking / are watching
C) didn't like / watched
D) don't like / used to watch

9. Mike and Sue _____ at home last night, and they _____ a wildlife documentary.
A) stay / watch
B) are staying / used to watch
C) stayed / watched
D) stays / are watching

10. A: Didn't Paulie _____ wear glasses?

B: Yes, he did. Now he wears contact lenses.
A) used to **B)** use to **C)** use **D)** used

11. Yesterday, Geoff _____ at the airport at half-past ten, and his plane _____ off at quarter past eleven.
A) arrive / take **B)** arrives / takes
C) arrived / took **D)** is arriving / is taking

12. A: Where did you _____ most of your time in Paris?

B: Around the Eiffel Tower in the Field of Mars. Also, I _____ the Louvre Museum and the Notre Dame Cathedral.
A) spending / visit
B) spent / am visiting
C) spend / visited
D) spends / used to visit

13. Carrie _____ at the supermarket five years ago, but she works at the library now.
A) used to work **B)** works
C) is working **D)** work

14. The fireman _____ the door. Then he _____ the family out of the burning building.
A) break / takes
B) broke / took
C) is breaking / used to take
D) breaks / is taking

15. I _____ to help Mandy with her problems, but she _____ my advice.
A) are trying / used to take
B) tries / isn't taking
C) tried / didn't take
D) used to try / takes

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, available solely before the first question. Remember, referring back to the reading text while answering the questions may be helpful to ensure accuracy.)

Hey there! My name is Sandy Brown. I used to work in a bank, but now I work as a secretary in a company. I left the bank and joined the company seven years ago. I enjoy working here and I have made lots of friends. I met my husband in this company and we got married

last year. We spent our honeymoon in Portugal. Our boss Mr Heron is a very nice man. He gave us three weeks off for our honeymoon and he bought us a very nice wedding gift. When I am not working, I love spending time in my garden. I grow plants and vegetables. When I was a little girl, I wanted to be a florist. I always helped my parents in the garden. My husband likes gardening too. We went to the garden centre last weekend and bought some new plants. My husband planted a new apple tree and some rose bushes in the garden. I watered the tomato plants and the strawberries.

16. Which of the following is true?

A) Sandy joined the company last year.
B) Mr Heron brought Sandy some vegetables.
C) Sandy's husband wanted to be a florist when he was a kid.
D) Sandy used to help her parents in the garden.

17. Mr Heron is a nice man because he _____.

A) helped Sandy in the garden
B) got married to Sandy last year
C) allowed Sandy and her husband off work for their honeymoon
D) made lots of friends at work

18. Sandy used to want to _____ when she was young.

A) get married **B)** work in a bank
C) be a florist **D)** plant apple trees

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