A2 B1 LEVEL GRAMMAR TESTS

# Past Tenses Test B1 Grammar Exercises

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**1.** When Patricia _____ into her car, she remembered she _____ the water boiler on.
**A)** was getting / has left **B)** got / had left
**C)** had got / leaves **D)** got / was leaving

**2.** We _____ our meal on the train as it _____ across the beautiful countryside.
**A)** have enjoyed / is going
**B)** enjoyed / had gone
**C)** had been enjoying / has gone
**D)** were enjoying / was going

**3.** They _____ for only a few minutes when they _____ a flat tyre.
**A)** had been travelling / had
**B)** have travelled / were having
**C)** travelled / have had
**D)** were travelling / had

**4.** Grandpa _____ his last car for thirty years when he _____ it last year.
**A)** was having / sold **B)** had / had sold
**C)** had / was selling **D)** had had / sold

**5.** Although he _____ his early childhood in Germany, he doesn't remember anything from that time now.
**A)** had been spending **B)** has spent
**C)** spent **D)** was spending

**6.** Vegetables and fruits don't taste as delicious as they _____ when I _____ a kid.
**A)** did / have been
**B)** have done / was
**C)** were doing / had been
**D)** used to / was

**7.** What _____ the two _____ about when they started to quarrel?
**A)** have / talked **B)** were / talking
**C)** do / talk **D)** are / talking

**8.** Frank _____ to this city five years ago, but it seems he still _____ used to living with the heavy traffic here.
**A)** moved / isn't **B)** has moved / doesn't
**C)** was moving / wasn't **D)** moved / didn't

**9.** I _____ my pen, and I don't remember where I last _____ it.
**A)** have lost / have used
**B)** lost / had used
**C)** have lost / used
**D)** had lost / was using

**10.** It was a real surprise because she _____ no idea that they _____ a birthday party for her.
**A)** has had / were organizing
**B)** had / have been organizing
**C)** was having / organized
**D)** had / had organized

**11.** The baby _____ the living room floor with coloured pens while her mother _____ the kitchen.
**A)** marked / has been mopping
**B)** was marking / was mopping
**C)** has marked / mopped
**D)** had marked / had mopped

**12.** There _____ some ketchup around his mouth because he _____ spaghetti.
**A)** was / had been eating
**B)** is / had been eating
**C)** had been / has eaten
**D)** has been / eats

**13.** Because I _____ to eating with chopsticks, I _____ a hard time during the dinner.
**A)** didn't use / was having
**B)** hadn't been used / am having
**C)** wasn't used / had
**D)** am not used / had been having

**14.** When the film finished, I _____ the alarm clock and _____ to bed.
**A)** had set / have gone
**B)** set / went
**C)** was setting / was going
**D)** had set / is going

**15.** Janette _____ all her friends for advice before she _____ to quit her job.
**A)** had asked / decided
**B)** was asking / has decided
**C)** has asked / decides
**D)** has been asking / had decided

**16.** In the past, land journeys _____ a very long time and they _____ very tiring.
**A)** take / have been
**B)** had taken / were
**C)** used to take / were
**D)** had been taking / had been

**17.** They _____ the whole building by the time the fire _____ to all the floors.
**A)** evacuated / had spread
**B)** had evacuated / spread
**C)** were evacuating / has spread
**D)** evacuated / was spreading

**18.** Liam _____ for ten hours, but he still _____ half of the distance by then.
**A)** is driving / hasn't been covering
**B)** has been driving / didn't cover
**C)** was driving / didn't cover
**D)** had been driving / hadn't covered

**19.** I _____ to be able to concentrate on my work because I _____ enough sleep last night.
**A)** didn't seem / don't get
**B)** don't seem / didn't get
**C)** didn't seem / am not getting
**D)** don't seem / haven't got

**20.** When we _____ again, Steve and I _____ each other for more than fifteen years.
**A)** met / hadn't seen
**B)** are meeting / haven't seen
**C)** met / don't see
**D)** have met / didn't see

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