

Beavers World

Grammar Test 14

Topic: Past Tense

Questions

1. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

They __ (finish) their homework before the teacher arrived.

- a) finished
- b) were finishing
- c) had finished
- d) have finished

2. **Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:**

I __ (watch) TV when you called me last night.

- a) watched
- b) was watching
- c) had watched
- d) had been watching

3. **Select the correct sentence:**

- a) She had cleaned the house before they arrived.
- b) She cleaned the house before they had arrived.
- c) She had been cleaning the house before they arrived.
- d) She cleans the house before they arrived.

4. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

By the time I arrived, they __ (already/eat) dinner.

- a) already ate
- b) had already eaten
- c) were already eating
- d) had been eating

5. **Fill in the blank:**

When I saw him, he __ (write) a letter to his friend.

- a) writes
- b) had written
- c) was writing
- d) has written

6. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

They __ (go) to the park when it started to rain.

- a) went
- b) were going
- c) had gone
- d) have gone

7. **Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:**
She __ (not/see) the movie before I mentioned it.

- a) didn't see
- b) hadn't seen
- c) hasn't seen
- d) wasn't seeing

8. **Choose the correct sentence:**
a) I was working on the project when she called me.
b) I worked on the project when she called me.
c) I had worked on the project when she called me.
d) I have worked on the project when she called me.

9. **Fill in the blank:**
He __ (never/visit) that city before last summer.
a) never visited
b) had never visited
c) was never visiting
d) has never visited

10. **Choose the correct sentence:**
a) She was going to the store when she saw him.
b) She went to the store when she saw him.
c) She had gone to the store when she saw him.
d) She had been going to the store when she saw him.

11. **Fill in the blank:**
I __ (read) a book when the lights went out.
a) read
b) had read
c) was reading
d) have read

12. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**
They __ (arrive) when we were leaving.
a) arrived
b) had arrived
c) were arriving
d) had been arriving

13. **Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:**
I __ (live) in New York before moving to California.
a) lived
b) had lived
c) was living
d) have lived

14. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

By the time the meeting started, I __ (already/finish) my work.

- a) already finished
- b) was already finishing
- c) had already finished
- d) have already finished

15. **Select the correct sentence:**

- a) She was studying when her phone rang.
- b) She studied when her phone rang.
- c) She had studied when her phone rang.
- d) She had been studying when her phone rang.

16. **Fill in the blank:**

When I called her, she __ (take) a shower.

- a) took
- b) was taking
- c) had taken
- d) has taken

17. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

By the time they __ (arrive), I had already left.

- a) arrive
- b) arrived
- c) had arrived
- d) have arrived

18. **Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:**

He __ (not/finish) his homework when I saw him yesterday.

- a) hadn't finished
- b) didn't finish
- c) wasn't finishing
- d) hasn't finished

19. **Choose the correct sentence:**

- a) I had been waiting for her for an hour before she arrived.
- b) I waited for her for an hour before she arrived.
- c) I had waited for her for an hour before she arrived.
- d) I wait for her for an hour before she arrived.

20. **Fill in the blank:**

By the time I arrived, they __ (leave).

- a) left
- b) had left
- c) were leaving
- d) have left

21. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

When we __ (reach) the station, the train had already left.

- a) reached
- b) were reaching
- c) had reached
- d) reach

22. **Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:**

He __ (play) football when I last saw him.

- a) played
- b) was playing
- c) had played
- d) is playing

23. **Select the correct sentence:**

- a) They had been studying for three hours when the power went out.
- b) They studied for three hours when the power went out.
- c) They were studying for three hours when the power went out.
- d) They have been studying for three hours when the power went out.

24. **Choose the correct form of the verb:**

By the time I woke up, the sun __ (rise).

- a) rises
- b) had risen
- c) rose
- d) was rising

25. **Fill in the blank:**

I __ (go) to the store when I remembered I had no money.

- a) went
 - b) had gone
 - c) was going
 - d) have gone
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Answers and Explanations

1. **c) had finished** – Past Perfect is used to describe an action completed before another past action.
2. **b) was watching** – Past Continuous to describe an ongoing action in the past that was interrupted by another action.
3. **a) She had cleaned the house before they arrived.** – Past Perfect to show the completed action before another past event.
4. **b) had already eaten** – Past Perfect to describe an action completed before another point in the past.
5. **c) was writing** – Past Continuous to show an ongoing action in the past.
6. **b) were going** – Past Continuous to show the action was ongoing when something else happened.
7. **b) hadn't seen** – Past Perfect to show an action that hadn't happened up until a certain point in the past.
8. **a) I was working on the project when she called me.** – Past Continuous to describe the ongoing action when a new event occurred.
9. **b) had never visited** – Past Perfect to indicate an experience not completed before a past time.
10. **d) She had been going to the store when she saw him.** – Past Perfect Continuous to show an ongoing action that was happening before another past event.
11. **c) was reading** – Past Continuous to indicate an ongoing action in the past.
12. **b) had arrived** – Past Perfect to indicate the arrival happened before the leaving.
13. **b) had lived** – Past Perfect to show an action that was completed before another action in the past.
14. **c) had already finished** – Past Perfect to indicate an action completed before another past event.
15. **d) She had been studying when her phone rang.** – Past Perfect Continuous to show an ongoing action before another event in the past.
16. **b) was taking** – Past Continuous to indicate an action happening at the moment of the other event.
17. **b) arrived** – Past Perfect to indicate that the arrival happened after the leaving.
18. **a) hadn't finished** – Past Perfect to show something had not been completed before a past event.

19. **a) I had been waiting for her for an hour before she arrived.** – Past Perfect Continuous for an action that was ongoing before another past event.
20. **b) had left** – Past Perfect because the leaving occurred before another event in the past.
21. **c) had reached** – Past Perfect to show the reaching happened before the train left.
22. **b) was playing** – Past Continuous to describe an action that was ongoing when you last saw him.
23. **a) They had been studying for three hours when the power went out.** – Past Perfect Continuous to describe an ongoing action in the past.
24. **b) had risen** – Past Perfect to indicate the rising happened before another past event.
25. **c) was going** – Past Continuous to describe the action that was interrupted by another event.