

I. Do this 20-task test to check if you understand Present Tenses + Past Tenses (active, passive).

1. People travel far ... (often, comparison) than they used to.

People travel **far more often** than they used to.

2. Food prices ... (to climb) higher and higher at present.

Food prices **are climbing** higher and higher at present.

3. My bicycle ... (to steal). I don't know who the thief is.

My bicycle **has been stolen**. I don't know who the thief is.

4. I didn't want to join you because I ... (to see) the concert before.

I didn't want to join you because I **had seen** the concert before.

1.5. We can run ... (fast, comparison) than ... (she).

We can run **faster** than **them (they can)**.

6. Caroline ... (to text) her family every day when she was on holiday.

Caroline **texted** her family every day when she was on holiday.

7. We ... (to use) the machine for years without any problems.

We **have been using** the machine for years without any problems.

8. Your car isn't here. It ... (to take) to the garage.

Your car isn't here. It **has been taken** to the garage.

9. Jack can't come to the phone; he ... (to have) a shower.

Jack can't come to the phone; he **is having** a shower.

10. The apartment ... (not, to have) a garden.

The apartment **doesn't have** a garden.

11. An e-mail ... (to send) by Monday last week.

An email **had been sent** by Monday last week.

12. We ... (to work) in Venice for 5 years. Now I am in Paris.

We **worked** in Venice for 5 years. Now I am in Paris.

13. Everything ... (to plan) by Jack and Lucy.

Everything **has been planned** by Jack and Lucy.

14. I called Jane after I ... (to write) an essay.

I called Jane after I **had written** an essay.

15. The children were dirty because they ... (to play) in the garden.

The children **were** dirty because they **had been playing** in the garden.

16. Where are Mary's jeans? Her jeans ... (to wash) at the moment.

Where are Mary's jeans? Her jeans **are being washed** at the moment.

17. How long ... (John, to have) a new apartment?

How long **has** John **had** a new apartment?

18. All the clothes ... (usually, to import) from China.

All the clothes **are usually imported** from China.

19. While we ... (to walk) the storm started.

While we **were working** the storm started.

20. I gave up after I ... (to phone) six times without getting through.

I gave up after I **had phoned** six times without getting through.

II. Go on doing the second part of the test

1. ... (you, to see) them recently?

Have you seen them recently?

2. They ... (to come) three times so far.

They have come three times so far.

3. If you ... (not, to read) a magazine, can I take it, please.

If you **are not reading** a magazine, can I take it, please.

4. You ... (always, to shout) at me!

You **are always shouting** at me!

5. They calculate ... (accurately, comparison) than ... (I).

They calculate **more accurately** than **me / I do**.

6. Caroline ... (to text) her family when her mother and father ... (to call).

Caroline was texting her family when her mother and father called.

7. I ... (to send) the parcel by 6 yesterday.

I **had sent** the parcel by 6 yesterday.

8. Your cake isn't here. It ... (just, to eat) by the dog.

Your cake isn't here. It **has just been eaten** by the dog.

9. Tom can't come to you right now; he ... (to sleep) in the room.

Tom can't come to you right now; he **is sleeping** in the room.

10. Last season the house ... (to buy) by a pop star.

Last season the house **was bought** by a pop star.

11. New York is a lot ... (big, comparison) than Paris.

New York is a lot **bigger** than Paris.

12. I usually ... (to have) a really good time at work.

I usually **have** a really good time at work.

13. When ... (to be) the last major festival in your country?

When **was** the last major festival in your country?

14. It was the worst meal I ... (ever, to eat)!

It was the worst meal I **had ever eaten**!

15. My parents ... (to have) the same car since 2003.

My parents **has had** the same car since 2003.

16. Cows ... (not, to eat) meat.

Cows **do not eat / don't eat** meat.

17. Listen to that noise! The neighbours ... (to have) a party.

Listen to that noise! The neighbours **are having** a party.

18. I ... (not, to want) to get up now – I'm still tired.

I **do not want / don't want** to get up now – I'm still tired.

19. In the photo the vet ... (to hold) a kitten.

In the photo the vet **is holding** a kitten.

20. I ... (never, to swim) with dolphins.

I **have never swum** with dolphins.

21. Our house ... (to repair) now.

Our house **is being repaired** now.

22. The building ... (not, to reconstruct) since the 1990s.

The building **has not been reconstructed** since the 1990s.

23. I eat ... (slowly, comparison) than other people.

I eat **more slowly** than other people.

24. What were we doing at 11 o'clock? We ... (to interview) by the boss.

What were we doing at 11 o'clock? We **were being interviewed** by the boss.

25. What ... (you, to do) at the time the crime was committed?

What were you doing at the time the crime was committed?

26. While Rob ... (to play) his match, we ... (to wait) in the car outside.

While Rob **was playing** his match, we **were waiting** in the car outside.

27. She says she ... (to know) this professor for years.

She says she **has known** this professor for years.

28. When ... (he, to visit) the office?

When **did he visit** the office?

29. Detroit ... (to call) Motown in the past.

Detroit **was called** Motown in the past.

30. Why ... (they, to have) two cats?

Why **do they have** two cats?

31. Fiona ... (to work) at Harrods when she met her husband.

Fiona **was working** at Harrods when she met her husband.

32. Nick ... (to know) to be a very interesting person.

Nick **is known** to be a very interesting person.

33. Do you really think her English ... (to improve) since school?

Do you really think her English **has been improving / has improved** since school?

34. I smell tobacco. ... (you, to smoke)?

I smell tobacco. **Have you been smoking?**

35. Letters ... (to deliver) by the postman at 8 every year.

Letters **are delivered** by the postman at 8 every year.

36. He hardly ever ... (to do) his homework.

He hardly ever **does** his homework.

37. I ... (to enter) the room and ... (to switch) on a TV set.

I **entered** the room and **switched** on a TV set.

38. The workers ... (to try) to move the wardrobe for half an hour, go help them.

The workers **have been trying** to move the wardrobe for half an hour, go help them.

39. My suitcase ... (already, to pack) when my friends came to see me off.

My suitcase **had already been packed** when my friends came to see me off.

40. People ... (to use) to travel by ship a lot in those days.

People **used to travel** by ship a lot in those day.