

EXERCISES ON VERB TENSES

Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets in the appropriate form and tense

- 1 How many languages (you/speak)?
- 2 She already (speak) Spanish fluently and now she (learn) Portuguese.
- 3 Natural sciences (include) physical sciences such as chemistry and physics.
- 4 He (prefer) life sciences so this year he (specialise) in biology.
- 5 What courses (you/take) this year? Anything interesting?
- 6 I generally (have) lunch at the university but I (not/eat) there today because I haven't got the time.
- 7 How (he/come) to the university? Usually he (take) the bus.

- 8 Peter (start) working for IBM ten years ago, when he (leave) university.
- 9 He (injure) his knee badly when he (play) soccer yesterday.
- 10 He (catch) an infection while he (recover) from surgery.
- 11 How fast (you/drive) when the accident (happen)?
- 12 I (not/understand) a word she (say).
- 13 Paul (meet) Janet when he (be) an exchange student in Edinburgh in 2005. They (get married) the following year.
- 14 How much money (you/make) during the last summer holidays? - Quite a bit, actually. I (have) a great job in a luxury hotel.

- 15 Marion (be) a student here for five years, but she (not/get) her BSc degree yet.
- 16 (he/live) in Marseille all his life? - No, he (use) to live in Lyon. He (come) here when he (be) 12.
- 17 Paul and Janet (be married) since 1986. They've got 3 children.
- 18 She (buy) lottery tickets for years but she (never/win) a penny so far.
- 19 Yes, they (be) to Los Angeles. They (go) there in the summer of 2000.
- 20 Where (you/be born)? - I (be born) in India.
- 21 When (she/move) to the USA? - I think it was when she was 20 and she (live) there ever since.

- 22 When they (arrive) at the cinema, the film (already/begin).
- 23 We (not/want) anything to eat because we (just/have) dinner.
- 24 How long (he/smoke) when he finally (decide) to quit.
- 25 He (be) extremely nervous because he (never/attempt) a bungee jump before.
- 26 When Armstrong (make) his memorable step, it was the first time man (set) foot on the moon.

- 27 If these birds are not protected now, they (become) extinct.
- 28 When (you/know) whether or not you've passed the exam?
- 29 He'll phone as soon as the meeting (be) over.
- 30 Dad, (you/use) the car Saturday night? - No, you can take it if you want.
- 31 She (leave) for New York on the first flight Monday morning.
- 32 The ferry for Morocco (leave) from Sète tomorrow at 2 o'clock.
- 33 - I don't have enough money for the restaurant! - Don't worry, I (lend) you some.
- 34 By the time the mission is over, the astronauts (be) in space for 6 months.

Use the appropriate tense

- 35 The abandoned satellite is losing altitude. If nothing is done, it is expected that it (enter) the atmosphere some time in the autumn.
- 36 So far this year, three attempts (be made) to reach the summit of Kinchinjanga, the third highest peak in the Himalayas.
- 37 For centuries, it (be believed) that the earth was flat.
- 38 The number of algae (increase) rapidly, due to high nitrate levels.
- 39 Between 2001 and 2002, the number of accidents caused by small aircraft (rise) by 10%.
- 40 Once the new law (come) into effect, the exportation of toxic waste will not be allowed.