## English tenses - summary.

Read the questions below and decide which answer best fits each space.

- 1. I was very surprised when she said she ... her exam.
- a) failed
- b) was failed
- c) have failed
- d) had failed
- 2. While I was going home, my son ... to France.
- a) flew
- b) flown
- c) was flying
- d) has been flying
- 3. When I was a child I ... tennis twice a week.
- a) played
- b) used to play
- c) use to play
- d) was used to play
- 4. As a young child Kate ... most of her time playing the piano.
- a) spent
- b) would spend
- c) had spent
- d) was spending
- 5. How long ... here?
- a) do you wait
- b) are you waiting
- c) have you been waiting
- d) had you been waiting
- 6. Never ... such a beautiful and smart girl.
- a) do I see
- b) have I seen
- c) did I see
- d) I saw
- 7. What ... so wonderful?
- a) smells
- b) is smelling
- c) does it smell
- d) is it smelling

- 8. It's been ages since I last ... you.
- a) saw
- b) have seen
- c) had seen
- d) was seen
- 9. We all knew that something wasn't right, but she didn't want to say what ...
- a) happen
- b) was happening
- c) had happened
- d) happened
- 10. As soon as I ... my money back, I'll buy a new car.
- a) get
- b) will get
- c) got
- d) am getting
- 11. My train ... in half an hour. Could you give me a lift?
- a) will leave
- b) is going to leave
- c) is leaving
- d) leaves
- 12. She's nice but I assume we ... as a couple.
- a) won't work out
- b) wouldn't work out
- c) are not going to work out
- d) aren't working out
- 13. Stop shouting at me! You ... my ideas!
- a) always criticise
- b) are always criticising
- c) have always criticised
- d) always criticised
- 14. When I got back home, everybody ...
- a) slept
- b) was sleeping
- c) had slept
- d) had been sleeping
- 15. Next year we ... married for a 20 years.
- a) will have been

- b) will be
- c) will have been being
- d) are
- 16. It was obvious that she would pass her exam. She ... for weeks.
- a) was preparing
- b) had been preparing
- c) prepared
- d) had prepared
- 17. Look at his white face. He ...
- a) will faint
- b) is going to faint
- c) if fainting
- d) have fainted
- 18. This time tomorrow I ... to Greece.
- a) will fly
- b) am flying
- c) will be flying
- d) will have been flying
- 19. The Internet ... more and more popular.
- a) is getting
- b) gets
- c) has been getting
- d) got
- 20. Look at her. She ...
- a) is to cry
- b) is supposed to cry
- c) is about to cry
- d) is due to cry