

Put in the correct forms: PRESENT, PAST and PRESENT PERFECT - Simple and Progressive

1. What _____ (**Helen, do**) for the last two hours ? - She _____ (**prepare**) for next week's meeting; she _____ (**dust**) the furniture now.
2. His sister _____ (**be**) in Australia six times and I _____ (**be**) there only twice.
3. We _____ (**live**) in Johannesburg since World War II and so far we _____ (**never, intend**) to leave the country, but the situation _____ (**recently turn**) so bad that we _____ (**decide**) to go back to Austria.
4. We must wake her . She _____ (**sleep**) for 15 hours.
5. I _____ (**write**) a book about Japan. I _____ (**just, finish**).
6. How many customers _____ (**Sally, call**) last week ?
7. Some time ago, Mr Pale _____ (**ask**) me to lend him some money.
8. Demonstrators _____ (**block**) the road for three hours.
9. When _____ (**you, switch**) on the light today ?
10. Could you go ? - I _____ (**not can**) answer the door because I _____ (**have**) a shower.
11. Who _____ (**break**) my ruler.
12. No, we _____ (**not be**) here before.
13. At present, they _____ (**have**) no jobs.
14. Two men _____ (**chat**) in the middle of the road when suddenly a lorry _____ (**turn**) round the bend. The driver _____ (**stop**) in time.
15. The grass _____ (**look**) awful. I'm sure you _____ (**not cut**) it since June.
16. We _____ (**go**) to the circus yesterday. We _____ (**spend**) a wonderful time there. I _____ (**like**) the clowns best.
17. What _____ (**you, want**) me to do at our next meeting ?
18. _____ (**You, know**) how long these trees _____ (**be**) here ? - Yes, they _____ (**be**) here since the end of the war.
19. What shall we do ? - The people _____ (**get**) very impatient.
20. _____ (**You, not meet**) Mr Temple yesterday ? - Why _____ (**you think**) I _____ (**meet**) him ? - I _____ (**see**) him last Friday, but I _____ (**not see**) him since then.
21. Can you help me ? I _____ (**look**) for a job.
22. You have a nice dog. How long _____ (**you, have**) it ?

KEY

1. What **has Helen been doing** (*Helen, do*) for the last two hours? - She **has been preparing** (*prepare*) for next week's meeting; she **is dusting** (*dust*) the furniture now.
2. His sister **has been** (*be*) in Australia six times and I **have been** (*be*) there only twice.
3. We **have been living** (*live*) in Johannesburg since World War II and so far we **have never intended** (*never, intend*) to leave the country, but the situation **has recently turned** (*recently turn*) so bad that we **have decided / decided** (*decide*) to go back to Austria.
4. We must wake her. She **has been sleeping** (*sleep*) for 15 hours.
5. I **am writing** (*write*) a book about Japan. I **have just finished / just finished** (*just, finish*).
6. How many customers **did Sally call** (*Sally, call*) last week?
7. Some time ago, Mr Pale **asked** (*ask*) me to lend him some money.
8. Demonstrators **have been blocking** (*block*) the road for three hours.
9. When **have you switched/did you switch** (*you, switch*) on the light today?
10. Could you go? - I **cannot / am not able to** (*not can*) answer the door because I **am having** (*have*) a shower.
11. Who **has broken / broke** (*break*) my ruler.
12. No, we **haven't been** (*not be*) here before.
13. At present, they **have** (*have*) no jobs.
14. Two men **were chatting** (*chat*) in the middle of the road when suddenly a lorry **turned** (*turn*) round the bend. The driver **stopped** (*stop*) in time.
15. The grass **looks** (*look*) awful. I'm sure you **have not cut** (*not cut*) it since June.
16. We **went** (*go*) to the circus yesterday. We **spent** (*spend*) a wonderful time there. I **liked** (*like*) the clowns best.
17. What **do you want** (*you, want*) me to do at our next meeting?
18. **Do you know** (*You, know*) how long these trees **have been** (*be*) here? - Yes, they **have been** (*be*) here since the end of the war.
19. What shall we do? - The people **are getting** (*get*) very impatient.
20. **Didn't you meet** (*You, not meet*) Mr Temple yesterday? - Why **do you think** (*you think*) I **met** (*meet*) him? - I **saw** (*see*) him last Friday, but I **haven't seen** (*not see*) him since then.
21. Can you help me? I **am looking** (*look*) for a job.
22. You have a nice dog. How long **have you had it** (*you, have*) it?