
Consistency of Tense

EXERCISE: In each item below, one of the verbs should be changed to make the tenses consistent. Draw a line through the verb you are changing, and write above it a verb that makes sense.

Example 1:

1. I was in the bathroom when the phone rang.

1. The ceremony have start a few hour ago.
2. Instead, she was cheer by the crowd which made her feel encouraged.
3. Shine rushed into the clinic and stops to catch her breath.
4. He forgot to shut the window before he leave the house.
5. The dog curled up in the couch and fall asleep.
6. Rico has finish his research and write a report.
7. My mother came in and take a slice of my pumpkin pie.
8. We need to return this book to Carol after we had finished reading it.
9. The students did not listen to their teacher and break the rule later that night.
10. She had an upset stomach when she accidentally drink spoilt milk.
11. The milk spill on the counter, and she wipe it off.
12. I will read the first page, while Sarah had read the second page.
13. Diego have dropped the figurine when the door slammed behind him.
14. The sun broke through the clouds shortly after the rain stops.
15. We have launch the new project for the 2040 Mars Mission.
16. On Monday, we will have visited the shrine in the mountain to honor the divine being.
17. This case took a lot of trials before he was prove guilty.
18. Infants will sought a mother's warmth to make them feel safe.
19. The students were advise by their teacher to develop their study habits.

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20. The girl scouts have begin to sell their cookies.

Answer Keys:

1. The ceremony have ~~start~~^{started} a few hour ago..
2. Instead, she was ~~cheer~~^{cheered} by the crowd which made her feel encouraged.
3. Shine rushed into the clinic and ~~stops~~^{stopped} to catch her breath.
[or] Shine ~~rushed~~^{rushes} into the clinic and stops to catch her breath.
4. He forgot to shut the window before he ~~leave~~^{left} the house.
5. The dog curled up in the couch and ~~fall~~^{fell} asleep.
6. Rico has finish his research and ~~write~~^{written} a report.
[or] Rico has ~~finish~~^{finished} his research and write a report.
7. My mother came in and ~~take~~^{took} a slice of my pumpkin pie.
8. We need to return this book to Carol after we ~~had finished~~^{finish} reading it.
[or] We need to return this book to Carol after we ~~had finished~~^{have finished} reading it.
9. The students did not listen to their teacher and ~~break~~^{broke} the rule later that night.
10. She had an upset stomach when she accidentally ~~drink~~^{drank} spoilt milk.
[or] She had an upset stomach when she accidentally ~~drink~~^{has drunk} spoilt milk.
11. The milk ~~spill~~^{spilled} on the counter, and she ~~wipe~~^{wiped} it off.
12. I will read the first page, while Sarah ~~had read~~^{will read / will be reading} the second page.
13. Diego ~~have dropped~~^{dropped} the figurine when the door slammed behind him.
14. They went outside and jumped into the puddle after the rain ~~stops~~^{(had) stopped}.
15. We have ~~launch~~^{launched} the new project for the 2040 Mars Mission.

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17. This case took a lot of trials before he was ~~prove~~ **proven** guilty.

18. Infants will ~~sought~~ **seek** a mother's warmth to make them feel safe..

19. The students were ~~advise~~ **advised** by their teacher to develop their study habits.

20. The girl scouts ~~has begin~~ **have begun** to sell their cookies.