

VERB, VERBAL & ASPECT OF TIME

Introduction:

This worksheet is designed to help students strengthen their understanding of **verb usage**, **verbal (infinitives, gerunds, participles)**, and **aspects of time** (tenses and time expressions such as *already, yet, ago, before*, etc.).

Each sentence has one blank, and students are required to fill it with the **most appropriate verb, verbal, or time aspect** according to the context of the sentence.

This exercise develops grammatical accuracy, improves expression, and helps in writing fluent, error-free English.

Instructions:

1. Read each sentence carefully.
2. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb or appropriate time expression.
3. Use your understanding of **tense, verbals (to + verb / -ing form)**, and **time indicators**.
4. Attempt at least **SIX** from the model section below and then practice the **remaining 100** for mastery.
5. Write neatly and review your answers after completing the worksheet.

Practice Section (100 Sentences)

1. He _____ to school every day. (*go, goes*)
2. The train _____ before we reached the station. (*had left, left*)
3. I prefer _____ tea in the morning. (*to drink, drinking*)
4. We have been _____ here since morning. (*wait, waiting*)
5. It started raining just five minutes _____. (*ago, before*)
6. You should _____ your homework before dinner. (*finish, finishing*)
7. She has _____ her bag somewhere in the room. (*leave, left*)
8. I will call you as soon as I _____ home. (*reach, reached*)
9. They enjoy _____ football after school. (*play, playing*)
10. The baby has been _____ since morning. (*cry, crying*)
11. I look forward to _____ you soon. (*meet, meeting*)
12. He had never _____ such a beautiful view before. (*see, seen*)
13. You must _____ your seat belt while driving. (*wear, wearing*)
14. We _____ dinner when the guests arrived. (*were having, had*)
15. She _____ in this city for ten years. (*has lived, lived*)
16. Stop _____ with your phone and listen. (*play, playing*)
17. I regret _____ you so late. (*call, calling*)
18. By next year, they _____ their new house. (*will complete, will have completed*)
19. He is too tired _____ any more work. (*to do, doing*)
20. The plane _____ just a few minutes ago. (*landed, had landed*)

21. She started _____ when she was six. (*to dance, dancing*)
22. We will meet you _____ Monday morning. (*on, in*)
23. Have you ever _____ to Paris? (*be, been*)
24. I promise _____ on time tomorrow. (*to come, coming*)
25. She kept _____ even when it was difficult. (*try, trying*)
26. The children are fond of _____ cartoons. (*watch, watching*)
27. He _____ in London last summer. (*stayed, has stayed*)
28. Please avoid _____ noise in the class. (*make, making*)
29. I have _____ completed my assignment. (*already, yet*)
30. We haven't eaten anything _____. (*yet, already*)
31. I will visit my grandparents next week _____. (*for sure, ago*)
32. The teacher told us _____ quietly. (*to sit, sitting*)
33. I remember _____ her at the mall last week. (*meet, meeting*)
34. They were seen _____ out of the building. (*go, going*)
35. The rain stopped _____ the match began. (*before, after*)
36. I heard someone _____ my name. (*call, calling*)
37. We had _____ started the project when you arrived. (*just, already*)
38. She refused _____ the offer. (*to accept, accepting*)
39. By the time you come, we _____ lunch. (*will have finished, finished*)
40. He is interested in _____ languages. (*learn, learning*)
41. They agreed _____ together. (*to work, working*)
42. The sun _____ in the east. (*rise, rises*)
43. She hasn't called me _____. (*yet, already*)
44. I couldn't help _____ at the joke. (*laugh, laughing*)
45. We enjoyed _____ to the beach. (*go, going*)
46. He hopes _____ a doctor one day. (*to become, becoming*)
47. The teacher was angry _____ their behavior. (*at, on*)
48. You must _____ your phone in silent mode. (*keep, keeping*)
49. I didn't realize you had _____ here before. (*been, gone*)
50. The students stopped _____ when the principal entered. (*talk, talking*)
51. They decided _____ the exam again. (*to take, taking*)
52. He promised _____ the truth. (*to tell, telling*)
53. It's too cold _____ outside. (*to go, going*)
54. She can't help _____ sweets. (*eat, eating*)
55. They _____ this house since 2010. (*have owned, owned*)
56. The dog started _____ loudly. (*bark, barking*)
57. He has _____ completed his training. (*already, yet*)
58. Don't forget _____ your homework. (*to do, doing*)
59. The train had _____ when I arrived. (*left, leaving*)
60. She was caught _____ in the exam. (*cheat, cheating*)
61. We're tired of _____ the same routine. (*follow, following*)
62. I will finish the project _____ Friday. (*by, on*)
63. They prefer _____ coffee in the morning. (*to drink, drinking*)
64. She used _____ in Lahore. (*to live, living*)
65. It's no use _____ about the past. (*worry, worrying*)
66. He is proud of _____ the award. (*win, winning*)
67. We had better _____ now. (*leave, leaving*)

68. He told me _____ patient. (*to be, being*)
69. The kids were busy _____ puzzles. (*solve, solving*)
70. The teacher made us _____ the whole essay. (*rewrite, rewriting*)
71. I enjoy _____ to music before sleeping. (*listen, listening*)
72. She forgot _____ the door before leaving. (*to lock, locking*)
73. I was surprised _____ her decision. (*at, on*)
74. You should avoid _____ junk food. (*eat, eating*)
75. I have been _____ this book all week. (*read, reading*)
76. They will move _____ the new house next month. (*into, in*)
77. He kept _____ the same question again and again. (*ask, asking*)
78. We will go out _____ it stops raining. (*after, before*)
79. She looks forward to _____ from you soon. (*hear, hearing*)
80. The bell rang _____ the class ended. (*before, after*)
81. I prefer _____ at home on weekends. (*stay, staying*)
82. We were made _____ in the queue. (*wait, waiting*)
83. The kids continued _____ after the rain stopped. (*play, playing*)
84. He is fond of _____ stories. (*write, writing*)
85. The movie had _____ when we entered. (*started, start*)
86. You seem _____ tired today. (*to be, being*)
87. They were seen _____ on the beach. (*walk, walking*)
88. The teacher advised us _____ hard. (*to work, working*)
89. I don't mind _____ early. (*wake, waking*)
90. She spent the whole day _____ the room. (*clean, cleaning*)
91. He promised _____ me later. (*to call, calling*)
92. We enjoyed _____ dinner together. (*have, having*)
93. She kept on _____ though everyone left. (*work, working*)
94. It began _____ heavily at night. (*rain, raining*)
95. They had _____ completed the project before the deadline. (*already, yet*)
96. You must stop _____ so much noise. (*make, making*)
97. She went _____ the market yesterday. (*to, in*)
98. He will be _____ for the meeting tomorrow. (*ready, readying*)
99. The concert has been _____ to next week. (*postponed, postpone*)
100. I can't afford _____ a new car. (*to buy, buying*)

ANSWERS *(with explanations)*

1. **goes** (Present simple – habitual action)
2. **had left** (Past perfect – action completed before another past action)
3. **drinking** (Gerund – after preposition "of")
4. **waiting** (Present participle – continuous action)
5. **ago** (Time adverb for past events)
6. **finish** (Base form – after modal "had better")
7. **left** (Simple past – completed action)
8. **reach** (Base form – infinitive without "to" after "will")
9. **playing** (Gerund – after "enjoy")
10. **crying** (Gerund – after "stop")
11. **meeting** (Gerund – after "look forward to")

12. **seen** (Past participle – after “have”)
13. **wear** (Base form – after modal “must”)
14. **were having** (Past continuous – action in progress in the past)
15. **has lived** (Present perfect – action continuing till now)
16. **playing** (Gerund – after “loves”)
17. **calling** (Gerund – after “kept”)
18. **will have completed** (Future perfect – action finished before a future point)
19. **to do** (Infinitive – after “decided”)
20. **landed** (Simple past – completed action)
21. **dancing** (Gerund – after “enjoys”)
22. **on** (Preposition – phrase “on time”)
23. **been** (Past participle – part of perfect tense)
24. **to come** (Infinitive – after “asked”)
25. **trying** (Gerund – after “keep”)
26. **watching** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
27. **stayed** (Simple past – completed past action)
28. **making** (Gerund – after “busy”)
29. **already** (Adverb – shows completed action before now)
30. **yet** (Adverb – used in negative or question with perfect tense)
31. **for sure** (Adverbial phrase – certainty)
32. **to sit** (Infinitive – after “chose”)
33. **meeting** (Gerund – after “enjoyed”)
34. **going** (Gerund – after “disliked”)
35. **before** (Conjunction – earlier time)
36. **calling** (Gerund – after “finished”)
37. **just** (Adverb – very recent past)
38. **to accept** (Infinitive – after “refused”)
39. **will have finished** (Future perfect – completed before another future time)
40. **learning** (Gerund – after “interested in”)
41. **to work** (Infinitive – purpose)
42. **rises** (Present simple – fact / routine)
43. **yet** (Adverb – not completed till now)
44. **laughing** (Gerund – after “stop”)
45. **going** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
46. **to become** (Infinitive – purpose / goal)
47. **at** (Preposition – “at night” fixed phrase)
48. **keep** (Base form – after modal “should”)
49. **been** (Past participle – after “has”)
50. **talking** (Gerund – after “stop”)
51. **to take** (Infinitive – after “ought”)
52. **to tell** (Infinitive – after “want”)
53. **to go** (Infinitive – after “plan”)
54. **eating** (Gerund – after “avoid”)
55. **have owned** (Present perfect – action continuing till now)
56. **barking** (Gerund – describes continuous action of dog)
57. **already** (Adverb – before now)
58. **to do** (Infinitive – after “want”)

59. **left** (Simple past – completed action)
60. **cheating** (Gerund – after “stop”)
61. **following** (Present participle – continuing action)
62. **by** (Preposition – “by next Monday”)
63. **drinking** (Gerund – after “avoid”)
64. **to live** (Infinitive – purpose)
65. **worrying** (Gerund – after “stop”)
66. **winning** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
67. **leave** (Base form – after modal “must”)
68. **to be** (Infinitive – after “wants”)
69. **solving** (Gerund – after “good at”)
70. **rewrite** (Base form – imperative)
71. **listening** (Gerund – after “practice”)
72. **to lock** (Infinitive – after “forgot”)
73. **at** (Preposition – “at noon”)
74. **eating** (Gerund – after “finished”)
75. **reading** (Gerund – after “enjoys”)
76. **into** (Preposition – movement “into the room”)
77. **asking** (Gerund – after “avoid”)
78. **after** (Conjunction – sequence of time)
79. **hearing** (Gerund – after “after”)
80. **before** (Conjunction – earlier time)
81. **staying** (Gerund – after “enjoyed”)
82. **wait** (Base form – imperative)
83. **playing** (Gerund – after “love”)
84. **writing** (Gerund – after “finished”)
85. **started** (Simple past – completed action)
86. **to be** (Infinitive – complement of “wants”)
87. **walking** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
88. **to work** (Infinitive – purpose)
89. **waking** (Gerund – after “keep”)
90. **cleaning** (Gerund – after “finished”)
91. **to call** (Infinitive – after “need”)
92. **having** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
93. **working** (Gerund – after “like”)
94. **raining** (Gerund – after “stop”)
95. **already** (Adverb – completed before now)
96. **making** (Gerund – after “enjoy”)
97. **to** (Preposition – part of infinitive)
98. **ready** (Adjective – correct collocation “get ready”)
99. **postponed** (Simple past – completed action)
100. **to buy** (Infinitive – after “decided”)

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