

**SEQUENCE OF TENSES (Sự hòa hợp giữa các thì)**

**1. Sự phối hợp của động từ trong mệnh đề chính (main clause) và mệnh đề phụ (subordinate clause)**

Main clause	Subordinate clause
1. Simple present	- Simple present - Present perfect - Present continuous - Simple future/ Near future - Simple past (có thời gian xác định ở quá khứ)
2. Simple past	- Simple past - Past perfect - Past continuous - Would/ was / were+ going to + V bare infi. - Simple present (diễn tả một chân lý)
3. Present perfect	- Simple present
4. Past perfect	- Simple past

- Eg: 1. People **have said** that Lon Lon **has** fog  
 2. Mary **said** that she **was cooking** them  
 3. He **says** he **was** born in 1980  
 4. Tom **says** he **will visit** me again.

**2. Sự phối hợp của các động từ trong mệnh đề chính và mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ thời gian (adverbial clause of time):**

Main clause	Adverbial clause of time
1. Present tenses	- Present tenses
2. Past tenses	- Past tenses
3. Future tenses	- Present tenses

- Eg: 1. You **will go** home **as soon as** you **have finished** your exercises.  
 2. **When** I **came** there, it **was raining** hard.  
 3. I often **drink** coffee **while** I **am watching** TV.  
 4. Please **wait** here **until** I **come** back.  
 5. He never **goes** home **before** he **has finished** his work.  
 6. It **was raining** hard **when** I **got** there.  
 7. I **had just come** **when** you **called**.

**\* Mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ thời gian thường bắt đầu với các từ nối sau:**

- When / as: Khi	- as soon as: Ngay sau khi	- as long as: chừng nào	- just as: Ngay khi
- Until/ till: Cho đến khi	- since: kể từ khi	- while: trong khi	- whenever: bất cứ khi nào
- before: trước khi	- after: sau khi	- no sooner .... than: ngay khi	- hardly ... when: khó... khi
- By the time: vào lúc	.....		

**\* Note:**

- Không được dùng thì tương lai (Future tense) trong các mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ thời gian (có thể thay bằng thì hiện tại)

Eg: **If it rains** tomorrow, **we'll stay** at home.

- Trong trường hợp dùng từ nối "SINCE" chú ý:

**S + V ( present perfect/ present perfect cont.) + Since + S + V<sub>ed</sub>\***

Eg: You **have been studying** English **since** you **came** here.

**EXERCISES:**

**Exercise 1: Choose the most correct answer:**

- He said that he \_\_\_\_ a lot of money on advertising to expand his business.  
 A. spends                      B. has spent                      C. spending                      D. had spent
- The train \_\_\_\_ when we got to the station.  
 A. just left                      B. just leaves                      C. had just left                      D. will leave
- Tom told me he \_\_\_\_ call me at the airport when I \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. would/ arrived                      B. will/ arrive                      C. will have/ arriving                      D. would be/ arriving
- At this time tomorrow, we \_\_\_\_ our final exam.  
 A. will have taking                      B. will be taking                      C. will be taken                      D. would take
- \_\_\_\_ before? – Yes, I \_\_\_\_ my holidays here last year.  
 A. have you ever been / spent                      B. have you ever been / spend  
 C. Did you ever be / spending                      D. were you ever / spend
- \_\_\_\_ I was working in the garden, John was repairing the washing machine.  
 A. as soon as                      B. because of                      C. while                      D. until
- Peter said he \_\_\_\_ a test the following day.  
 A. had had                      B. will have                      C. has had                      D. would have
- After she \_\_\_\_ at the hospital for 2 years, she \_\_\_\_ to give up the job yesterday.  
 A. had been working/ decides                      B. had been working/ decided  
 C. working / had decided                      D. is working/ will decide



- I'll wait until you \_\_\_\_ crying.  
 A. have stopped                      B. will stop                      C. stop                      D. stopped
40. I bought Romano whenever I \_\_\_\_ Maximart.  
 A. had gone                      B. has gone                      C. went                      D. would go
41. My son was sleeping when I \_\_\_\_ home.  
 A. went                      B. has gone                      C. had gone                      D. would go
42. I was compiling this book while my son \_\_\_\_.  
 A. slept                      B. would sleep                      C. had slept                      D. was sleeping
43. Lan has learnt English since she \_\_\_\_ a small girl.  
 A. has been                      B. had been                      C. was                      D. would be
44. She won't get married until she \_\_\_\_ 25 years old.  
 A. is                      B. will be                      C. had been                      D. was
45. After \_\_\_\_\_, he went to bed.  
 A. had done his homework                      B. have done his homework  
 C. being done his homework                      D. doing his homework
46. Yesterday when I \_\_\_\_ at the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_ for 15 minutes.  
 A. arrived/ had left                      B. arrives/ has left                      C. arrived/ left                      D. had arrived/ left
47. When we \_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_ calmly.  
 A. got/ are waiting                      B. got/ were waiting                      C. got/ waited                      D. get/ wait
48. While I \_\_\_\_ in the street, I saw my old friend.  
 A. was walking                      B. am walking                      C. walk                      D. walked
49. What do you think the children \_\_\_\_ when we get home?  
 A. would do                      B. do                      C. were doing                      D. are doing
50. I'll read the book when I \_\_\_\_ time.  
 A. have                      B. had                      C. will have                      D. would have
51. The house was quiet when I \_\_\_\_ home. Everyone \_\_\_\_ to bed.  
 A. got/ went                      B. got/ had gone                      C. had got / went                      D. was getting/ was going
52. I \_\_\_\_ her since I \_\_\_\_ a student.  
 A. know/ am                      B. knew/ was                      C. have known/ am                      D. have known/ was
53. While I was going to school yesterday, I \_\_\_\_ him.  
 A. meet                      B. met                      C. will meet                      D. am meeting
54. Alice \_\_\_\_ for Washington as soon as she had finished her exam.  
 A. will leave                      B. would leave                      C. leaves                      D. left
55. He died after he \_\_\_\_ ill for a long time.  
 A. was                      B. had been                      C. has been                      D. is
56. I \_\_\_\_ home until I finish my lesson.  
 A. haven't come                      B. don't come                      C. didn't come                      D. won't come
57. The manager \_\_\_\_ the store before I arrived.  
 A. closed                      B. had closed                      C. has closed                      D. was closing
58. When the alarm rang, Hai \_\_\_\_ out of bed quickly.  
 A. was jumping                      B. has jumped                      C. had jumped                      D. jumped
59. When we see Mr. Minh tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_ him of that.  
 A. will remind                      B. remind                      C. have reminded                      D. reminded

**Exercise 2: Find ONE mistake in each of the following sentences:**

- (A)Last year, my son (B)was lost (C)among the crowd when we (D)have gone shopping.
- The problem (A)has turned out (B)to be more serious (C)than we (D)will have thought.
- (A)Almost 300 million people (B)had visited (C)America's national parks (D)every year.
- They (A)have studied English(A) before they went (C)to London.
- They (A)has got married (B)for 30 years (C)by the end of (D)this month.
- They (A)will help you (B)whenever you (C)will ask (D)them.
- (A)When Sam (B)will arrive, he will (C)open (D)the gift.
- My father (A)has ever told (B)me honesty<sup>chân thật</sup> (C)was (D)the best policy.
- Did you say (A)that you (B)will have a lot of things (C)to do the (D)following week?
- (A)When we arrived (B)at (C)the station, the train (D)has already left.
- (A)Did your doctor (B)recommend you that you (C)will stop (D)smoking?
- (A) Up to now, there (B)had been (C)no woman (D)being chosen the US president.
- The neighbors (A)are having a party. They (B)are making so much noise (C)since 6 o'clock. I (D)can't sleep.
- (A)Don't (B)leave the house (C)until I (D)will get back.
- I (A)was walking along the pavement(B) when I (C)realized that there (D)has been a man following me.
- Human (A)had struggled (B)against weeds (C)since the beginning (D)of agriculture.
- Mary (A)said (B)that she (C)do jogging (D)every morning.
- (A)At this time (B)next week, Peter (C)was working (D)in London.
- Never I (A)have seen (B)such a (C)good film (D)before.
- (A)Before the 1920s, (B)no women (C)will vote (D)in the US.
- Some students have always (A)complain that they (B)do not have (C)enough money (D)to spend.

22. The teacher (A)got (B)angry with him (C)because he sometimes (D)come to class late.
23. (A)Up to now, there (B)had been (C)no woman (D)being chosen the US president.
24. The mother (A)had always took (B)good care (C)of her (D)little son.
25. An American woman (A)not always (B)shake hands (C)when she is introduced (D)to a man.
26. Peter (A)has been written the composition (B)for 3 hours and he (C)has not finished (D)yet.
27. We (A)were a few minute late (B)so the film (C)was already started when we (D)got to the cinema.
28. (A)By the time (B)the police (C)come, the robber (D)had run away.
29. Why (A)didn't Peter (B)go to school? What (C)did happened (D)to him?
30. I (A)was listening (B)to the radio (C)when the door bell (D)will ring.
31. Why (A)are you so late? I (B)am waiting here (C)for you for more (D)than one hour .
32. Phuc never (A)go to bed (B)before he (C)has finished his (D)homework.
33. I (A)have learnt English (B)for I (C)was ten (D)years old.
34. Yesterday evening (A)while I (B)was watching TV, Mai (C)pays me (D)a visit.
35. We (A)went out (B)for a walk (C)after we (D)had our dinner.
36. (A)As soon as (B)the next lecture (C)will end, (D)let's leave.
37. Mr. Ba (A)had a daughter who (B)were born in 1950, but (C)who died a few years (D)later.
38. (A)After they (B)were playing cards, (C)someone broke (D)into the house.
39. A (A)city university professor reported that he (B)discovers a vaccine(C)which could (D)prevent bird flu.
40. Factories discard waste that (A)had (B)polluted air and water, but factories (C)give us (D)employment.

**Exercise 3: Use the correct tense of verbs in brackets:**

1. You may begin when you (be) ready.
2. She said that she (get) married soon.
3. She has told me her name (be) Mary.
4. Do you hear what she (just, say) ?
5. They believe that the police (capture) the thief soon.
6. John (live) in the same house since he left school.
7. The teachers said that the shortest distance between two points (be) a straight line.
8. Bill said that he (lose) his bicycle.
9. Did you hear what she (just, say) ?
10. My father said he (be) here by noon.
11. I didn't know what time it (be), so I (turn) on the radio.
12. I saw that I (make) a mistake.
13. Mary (have) dinner when her friend called.
14. She says that she (live) in the country when she (be) a child.
15. They hoped that they (end) soon.
16. I was taught that the sun (be) bigger than the moon.
17. She has thought that the work (be) easy.
18. The students had thought that the English test (be) rather difficult.
19. I want to know how long she (live) here.
20. I see that Henry (write) his composition now.
21. I wondered whether I (lock) the door or not.
22. They have found that the road (be) very long.
23. She understood that we (promise) to go.
24. The teacher asked Bill why he (not go) to school the day before.
25. We find that we (take) a wrong way.
26. The boy knew that an hour (have) sixty minutes.
27. I had done that (be) necessary.
28. Shut all the windows before you (go) out.
29. He thinks that it (rain) tonight.
30. I didn't know who (help) him.
31. Did John say he (call) you again?
32. He is saving his money so that he (take) a long vacation.
33. Tom promised he (not do) it again.
34. He knew that I (come) the following week.
35. This is the house that Jack (build) three years ago.
36. I think John (be) out of town now.
37. I wonder what changes the new President (introduce).
38. Mrs Smith complains that her neighbour (make) too much noise.
39. Miss White swears that she (never see) that man before.
40. The students who answered the question (be) John.

**Exercise 4: Use the correct tense of verbs in brackets:**

1. He said that he (do)..... his homework since seven o'clock.
2. She demanded that her husband (give)..... her all of his wages.
3. By next summer, she (finish)..... her 3<sup>rd</sup> novel.

4. Kathy (be).....quite different since she got married.
5. This is the first time we (see).....the Statue of Liberty.
6. It was the second time I (talk).....to her.
7. As soon as she came in, I knew I (meet).....her somewhere.
8. After Jessica (finish).....her degree, she intends to work in her father's company.
9. By the time Anne graduated from high school, she (attend).....seven different schools because her parents moved frequently.
10. Mitchell looked down to discover a snake at her feet. When she saw it, she (scream) .....
11. Until you learn to relax more, you (not/ improve).....your ability to speak English.
12. I borrowed four books on gardening the last time I (go).....to the library.
13. Before I (start).....the car, all passengers had buckled their seat belts.
14. Whenever I travel abroad, I (forget).....something I need.
15. After the baseball match (win)....., the celebration began.
16. I'll return Bob's pen to him next time I (see)..... him.
17. As soon as Martina saw the fire, she (call).....the fire brigade.
18. When my parents (arrive).....for a visit tomorrow, they will see our baby for the first time.
19. Since I left Venezuela six years ago, I (return).....to visit friends and family several times.
20. As soon as my parents came, we (go).....out for dinner.
21. After ancient Greek athletes won a race in the Olympics, they (receive).....a simple crown of olive leaves.
22. I (answer)..... all of the questions correctly since I began this exercise on verb tenses.
23. Although it was noisy, I (keep).....on studying.
24. No matter what kinds of exercises he had taken, he (still/ put).....on weight.
25. I got a sore throat because I (speak).....for 3 hours.
26. Because she felt tired, she (go)..... to bed early.
27. I don't like to speak English because I (be).....afraid of making mistakes.
28. I whispered because I (not/ want).....to disturb anyone.
29. Despite the fact that she was ill, Lisa (go).....on stage.
30. Although she (eat).....three cakes, she was still hungry.

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03. She has told me her name (be) Mary.-**is**
04. Do you hear what she (just, say) ?-**has just said**
05. They believe that the police (capture) the thief soon.-**would capture**
06. John (live) in the same house since he left school. - **has lived**
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