MIXED TENSES EXERCISES + KEY

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.

1. I (learn) _______ English for seven years now.
2. But last year I (not / work) _______ hard enough for English, that's why my marks (not / be) _______ really that good then.
3. As I (pass / want) _______ my English exam successfully next year, I (study) _______ harder this term.
4. During my last summer holidays, my parents (send) _______ me on a language course to London.
5. It (be) _______ great and I (think) _______ I (learn) _______ a lot.
7. But while I (do) _______ the language course, I (meet) _______ lots of young people from all over the world.
8. There I (notice) _______ how important it (be) _______ to speak foreign languages nowadays.
9. Now I (have) _______ much more fun learning English than I (have) _______ before the course.
10. At the moment I (revise) _______ English grammar.
11. And I (begin / already) _______ to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
12. I (think) _______ I (do) _______ one unit every week.
13. My exam (be) _______ on 15 May, so there (not / be) _______ any time to be lost.
14. If I (pass) _______ my exams successfully, I (start) _______ an apprenticeship in September.
15. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go) _______ back to London to work there for a while.
1. I have been learning an action that started in the past and is still going on now. Emphasis is put on the duration (signal word: for seven years) - Present Perfect Progressive. English for seven years now.

2. But last year I was not working hard enough for English, that's why my marks were not 1st verb: you can either use past progressive or simple past. a) Past Progressive: puts emphasis on the duration 2nd verb: a fact in the past - Simple Past. really that good then.

b) Simple Past: puts emphasis on the fact 2nd verb: a fact in the past - Simple Past.

3. As I want to pass my English exam successfully next year, I am going to study 1st verb: situation in the present - Simple Present (after 'want' use 'to' + infinitive) 2nd verb: decision made for the future - Future I going to. harder this term.

4. During my last summer holidays, my parents sent 1st verb: completed action in the past - Simple Past me on a language course to London.

5. It was great and I think I have learned 1st verb: fact in the past - Simple Past 2nd verb: situation in the present - Simple Present 3rd verb: finished action that has an influence on the present. emphasis is on the result - Present Perfect Simple a lot.

6. Before I went to London, I had not enjoyed 1st verb: action in the past - Simple Past 2nd verb: action taking place before that certain time in the past (signal word: before) - Past Perfect. learning English.

7. But while I was doing the language course, I met 1st verb: action taking place only for a certain period in the past - Past Progressive 2nd verb: short actions in the past taking place in the middle of another action - Simple Past lots of young people from all over the world.

8. There I noticed how important it is 1st verb: observation in the past - Simple Past 2nd verb: general fact that is true for the present - Simple Present to speak foreign languages nowadays.

9. Now I have much more fun learning English than I had 1st verb: situation in the present - Simple Present 2nd verb: situation in the past - Simple Past before the course.

10. At the moment I am revising 1st verb: action happening around now (signal word: at the moment) - Present Progressive English grammar.

11. And I have already begun 1st verb: action that has just started (signal word: already), emphasis is put on the fact (not the duration) - Present Perfect Simple to read the texts in my English textbooks again.

12. I think I will do 1st verb: feeling in the present - Simple Present 2nd verb: assumption with regard to the future (signal word: I think) - Future I will. one unit every week.

13. My exam is on 15 May, so there is not 1st verb: the exact date for the exam is already scheduled - Simple Present 2nd verb: idiomatic expression any time to be lost.

14. If I pass my exams successfully, I will start 1st verb: Conditional sentence type I: if + Simple Present, Future I will. an apprenticeship in September.

15. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I will go 1st verb: assumption / dream for the future - Future I mit will. back to London to work there for a while.
Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.

1. They (build) __________ a new power station at the moment.
2. When I was buying the stamps somebody (call) __________ my name.
3. 'What time (Kevin come) __________?' 'An hour ago.'
4. I (not go) __________ to the cinema last night. I was too tired.
5. Carol invited us to the party but we (not go) __________. We had other things to do.
6. I saw Bridget at the museum when I was going to the restaurant but she (not see) __________ me.
7. 'Where (your parents live) __________?' 'In a village near London. They have always lived there.'
8. She speaks English but she (not speak) __________ French.
9. Jeff is from London. He (live) __________ there all his life.
10. My favourite country is Canada. I (be) __________ there four times.
11. I (never eat) __________ bananas.
12. 'How long (you study) __________ Photography?' 'For one year.'
13. 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'I don’t know. We (not decide) __________ yet.'
14. Who (invent) __________ the washing machine?
15. 'Where's Jill?' 'She (have) __________ lunch at the moment.'
16. (Terry work) __________? No, he is on holiday.
17. Somebody (steal) __________ my sunglasses at the swimming pool last week.
18. (she wear) __________ the nice jacket when you saw her?
19. Where (be) __________ you yesterday?
20. As you (see / can) __________, I (become) __________ a real London fan already.
RESULTS

1. They (build) **ARE BUILDING** a new power station at the moment.
2. When I was buying the stamps somebody (call) **CALLED** my name.
3. 'What time (Kevin come) **DID KEVIN COME**? 'An hour ago.'
4. I (not go) **DID NOT GO** to the cinema last night. I was too tired.
5. Carol invited us to the party but we (not go) **DID NOT GO**. We had other things to do.
6. I saw Bridget at the museum when I was going to the restaurant but she (not see) **DID NOT SEE** me.
7. 'Where (your parents live) **DO YOUR PARENTS LIVE**? 'In a village near London. They have always lived there.'
8. She speaks English but she (not speak) **DOES NOT SPEAK** French.
9. Jeff is from London. He (live) **HAS LIVED** there all his life.
10. My favourite country is Canada. I (be) **HAVE BEEN** there four times.
11. I (never eat) **HAVE NEVER EATEN** bananas.
12. 'How long (you study) **HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING** Photography?' 'For one year.'
13. 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'I don't know. We (not decide) **HAVE NOT DECIDED** yet.'
14. Who (invent) **INVENTED** the washing machine?
15. 'Where's Jill?' 'She (have) **IS HAVING** lunch at the moment.'
16. (Terry work) **IS TERRY WORKING**? No, he is on holiday.
17. Somebody (steal) **STOLE** my sunglasses at the swimming pool last week.
18. (she wear) **WAS SHE WEARING** the nice jacket when you saw her?
19. Where (be) **WERE** you yesterday?

20. As you can see, I have become 1st verb: situation in the present - **Simple Present** (after 'can' use the infinitive without 'to')
2nd verb: situation from the past to the present, emphasis is put on the fact - **Present Perfect Simple** a real London fan already.