

# Tenses exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate verb form that expresses the idea indicated in the brackets.

1. Our mother ..... up at 5.30 in the morning. (habitual action)

will get  
gets  
will be getting

2. Worldly pleasures ..... temporary. (general truth)

are  
will be  
were

3. Portia ..... that mercy is a divine quality. (quoted from a source)

said  
says  
has said

4. My father ..... ready. He ..... here in a minute. (present continuous and the future)

is getting, will be  
will get, will be  
is getting, is  
gets, will be

5. They ..... for the dance performance. (action in progress)

will rehearse

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are rehearsing  
will be rehearsing

6. Not many of us ..... Mahatma Gandhi. (present perfect)

has seen  
have seen  
had seen  
will see

7. He ..... for Germany last month. (completed action)

had left  
left  
has left  
would leave

8. When we were young, we ..... the whole afternoon playing. (habitual action)

will spend  
would spend  
would have spent  
would be spending

9. The students ..... for the test. (past action that has continued up to the present)

are preparing  
have been preparing  
will be preparing

10. When I ..... my eyes, I ..... a strange sight. (two actions in the past)

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had opened, saw

opened, saw

opened, had seen

## Answers

1. Our mother gets up at 5.30 in the morning.
2. Worldly pleasures are temporary.
3. Portia says that mercy is a divine quality.
4. My father is getting ready. He will be here in a minute.
5. They are rehearsing for the dance performance.
6. Not many of us have seen Mahatma Gandhi.
7. He left for Germany last month.
8. When we were young, we would spend the whole afternoon playing.
9. The students have been preparing for the test.
10. When I opened my eyes, I saw a strange sight.