

Key to exercises

Fill in the gaps with a correct verbal form of the verb in brackets:

1. We get up early every day.
2. Do you want to stay with us today? It's raining hard and it's very cold.
3. Do your brothers usually make their bed after they get up?
4. My father was reading the newspaper while my mother was watching TV.
5. Yesterday I rang my friends to see if they wanted to play tennis, but they couldn't because they had to study.
6. Last Tuesday I didn't go to school because it was a holiday.
7. I usually have some toasts and marmalade and drink two cups of coffee.
8. Andrew has just arrived from Australia. He's very tired now.
9. After breakfast my husband had a shower and got dressed while I was waiting for him.
10. Finally I said goodbye to my friends and returned home at about 10 o'clock.
11. Did she find the book she was looking for? / Yes, she found it in the kitchen.
12. Guess what happened to me yesterday night? I lost my car keys and I couldn't go back home.
13. Mary didn't work last week because she was ill in bed.
14. We bought this house two years ago. It was really a bargain.
15. I switched on the lights because it was getting dark.
16. As the sun was shining, we went to the countryside last weekend.
17. We were running along the road when we saw the accident.
18. Why didn't you go to school yesterday? / I felt sick and I couldn't even walk.
19. Do your parents still live in the town centre? / Yes, they do.
20. Sally fell off the ladder while she was painting the window.
21. What time does Jake usually arrive home in the evening? / He arrives home at about 8.
22. My father often changes his routine. He usually gets up at 8 and leaves home at 8.30. But last week he got up at 7 and left home at 7.30, and this week he has got up at 6 and has left home at 6.30.
23. Did your friends have dinner at home yesterday? / No, they didn't. They missed the bus and couldn't come.
24. I'm afraid I don't understand what the teacher is saying now.
25. What is your mother doing in the garden? / She is watering the flowers now.
26. While Mark was sleeping on the sofa, someone knocked at the door.
27. Where does your father keep his documents? / He always keeps them in a safe in his office.
28. Frank flew to Moscow last January. It was freezing.
29. Mark usually drinks tea for breakfast but yesterday he drank some coffee.
30. At the end he admitted his fault: he was the one who broke the window yesterday morning.
31. When I got home, I didn't know you were having dinner.
32. I'm afraid my dad isn't here at the moment.
33. What time did your friends leave the disco? / I don't know. I think they left before midnight.
34. At nine o'clock I was studying Literature.
35. Does he ever go to the theatre with his parents? / He always goes alone.
36. Who is cooking dinner tonight?
37. He's always talking about himself! He can't help it.
38. I study English but this year I'm studying German.
39. Where do your English friends live? They live in London, but now they are living in Liverpool.
40. The Moon turns around the Earth.
41. We go for a walk every day but today we are staying in.
42. Sheila is studying hard for tomorrow's exam.
43. We bought our car two years ago.
44. Who opens the door every day in the morning?
45. When the police caught the thief, he was trying to escape.
46. When does this shop open? / It opens at nine in the morning.
47. We ate a sandwich because we were hungry yesterday.
48. Peter switched on the TV to watch the football match at seven.
49. What time did they bring the food yesterday? / They brought it at about seven a.m.
50. We saw your father in the bank two days ago.
51. We borrow books from the library twice a month.
52. What kind of books do your students read?
53. When I arrived at work, it was raining.
54. I went to New York last summer.
55. It started to rain so I opened my umbrella.
56. I learnt to speak English before I learnt Italian.
57. We looked through the window when we heard the noise.
58. When the lights went out, the dog started to bark.
59. Why is the baby crying? Because he's ill.
60. It's getting late. Let's go to the supermarket before it closes.
61. Since you can cook, why don't you make a cake for us?
62. Although it was raining, he didn't take his umbrella.
63. John is very rich, but he lives in a modest house.
64. Mary is such a popular person that everybody wants to speak to her.
65. We saw such cheap jeans in the shop that we bought three pairs.
66. The English language is so important that many people learn it every day.
67. William Shakespeare, who died in 1616, wrote very famous plays.
68. Sally was born in Brighton, where she works for a publishing company.
69. The fish that we had for dinner wasn't fresh.
70. Luis has lived in many exotic countries: he works for the government.
71. He was the only one to realise my mistake.
72. After washing the car, it started raining. / Hard luck!
73. I remember going to France when I was a child.
74. Doctors don't allow smoking in hospitals.

