

Exercises (*google*-proof)

Aspect

- (1) a. He read the book.
b. He read the book for some 13 hours.
- (2) a. There exists no honor among birds.
b. *Ahmed knows English each Friday.
c. *Ahmed is knowing English right now.
d. ?I'm loving it!
- (3) a. Drugs won the war.
b. I fumbled and started to win.
c. They were winning the last time I checked.
- (4) a. My boss is rude.
b. My husband is being rude to me.
- (5) a. We built a robot.
b. He was building a shed out in the woods.
- (6) a. The guy sees a shrink every day.
b. The guy is seeing double.
c. I saw a spider yesterday.
d. The guy saw a shrink a couple of times.

Perfect

- (7) a. My cat has broken his leg.
b. *My cat has broken his leg yesterday.
- (8) a. I have seen him today.
b. We have collected well over 200 signatures now.
c. So far, I personally have collected 225 signatures.
d. I haven't seen him for a long time.
e. I have tried since yesterday.
- (9) a. I've seen that face before.
b. Elvis has left the building.
c. I have just spoken to Deano.
d. The Coquille Indians have lived here for thousands of years.
e. I've been sick since December 29, 2009.

- (10) a. Jobs and Wozniak had been friends for several years [...] when...
b. We had no idea how many thousands had been killed the day before.

Modality

- (11) a. Girls can play.
b. This can't be happening!
- (12) a. That must be the worst kept secret in the world.
b. Silvio must say sorry.
- (13) a. He can play tennis.
b. He plays tennis.
c. He seems to play tennis.
d. *He seems to can play tennis.

Will

- (14) a. It will hail tomorrow.
b. He will be extremely disorientated and distressed right now.
c. Boys will be boys.
d. You will do as I say!
e. Won't you try?
f. I can wait forever if you will.
- (15) a. Swine flu may be going to camp this summer.
b. The Aria awards are on channel Nine tonight!
c. 2010 is going to be awesome.
- (16) a. The ship will have left already.
b. No idea if Todd will have left by then.

Dummy *do*

- (17) a. I liked not my adopted daughter so I gave her back.
b. Oooh, I LIKED to be beside the seaside!
c. Like you rock music?

Syntax of TAM

- (18) a. Water dripped off her umbrella.
b. Sweat was dripping off Dziekanski's chin.
c. My cat has been dripping water out of her nose.

d. The fluid may have been dripping before the event.

(19) a. *Water did trip off her umbrella.

b. *Sweat was dripped off Dziekanski's chin.

c. *My cat has being dripped out of her nose.

d. *The fluid may be having dripped before the event.

(20) Around 34 10 to 12 year olds in state schools in Newcastle will have used heroin in the past and 17 will have done so in the last month.