

20 common English verbs

Exercises

1. Match a verb on the left with a word or a phrase on the right

Verb	Word or Phrase
1. Be	a. happy
2. Become	b. at her in surprise
3. Can	c. a lot about my family
4. Come	d. books into my bag
5. Do	e. my bed every morning
6. Feel	f. a good student
7. Get	g. my son to school
8. Go	h. cooking and reading
9. Have	i. English grammar
10. Like	j. tasty green tea
11. Look	k. to play computer games
12. Make	l. a big and friendly family
13. Know	m. speak English
14. Put	n. bad words to his friend
15. Say	o. to Canada on holidays
16. See	p. lies to parents
17. Take	q. home early
18. Tell	r. in the dark
19. Think	s. home late
20. Want	t. strong

2. Odd one out. Choose an odd word & cross it out

1. am	is	are	say
2. tells	wanted	looks	gets
3. becomes	likes	takes	puts
4. can	knows	feels	thinks
5. saw	do	went	told
6. looked	took	felt	came
7. did	liked	thought	said

3. Complete the sentences with the correct verb form

1. She (be) the best student in our group.
2. My friend (become) a good History teacher.
3. Her little sister (can) already walk and speak.

4. He (know) a lot about dogs.
5. I like (read) and walking by the sea.
6. I (see) a strange man yesterday.
7. She (tell) me about it last week.
8. My brother (make) some mistakes in his test.
9. We (come) home late yesterday.
10. Jane (take) her little sister to the cinema every Saturday.

4. Circle the correct answer

1. This an old village with an ancient temple in the centre.
a) is b) are c) been
2. there any beautiful flowers in this store?
a) is b) was c) are
3. She has already to Egypt twice.
a) been b) was c) am
4. Reading the only way to become wise.
a) been b) is c) are
5. He will a good king.
a) became b) become c) stay
6. Has the child really interested in skiing?
a) say b) became c) become
7. The child already walk but cannot talk.
a) cans b) must c) can
8. They not be in two different places at the same time.
a) are b) could c) coulds
9. How he betray us?
a) could b) must c) is
10. Where do you from?
a) came b) come c) become
11. on, let's do it together!
a) came b) become c) come
12. I wasn't the one who wanted to here and discuss all this nonsense.
a) go b) came c) come
13. What do you for a living?
a) did b) done c) do
14. I am sure he will his best to finish the project on time.
a) make b) do c) did
15. I the room yesterday but today it is dirty again.
a) did b) buy c) change
16. My mother didn't well last night because of the headache.
a) felt b) feel c) be
17. When you are in love, you differently from other people.
a) feels b) felt c) feel
18. Last week I visited my ill friend and wished him to better and recover quickly.
a) felt b) be c) feel
19. Our hero there just in time to save his lady and all the people of the village.
a) get b) gets c) got

20. Could you tell me how to to the railway station?
a) come b) gets c) get
21. I don't understand why you can't this only and simple truth.
a) got b) get c) tell
22. I to the English language courses three times a week.
a) go b) visit c) goes
23. Last year we to Canada on winter holidays.
a) goed b) go c) went
24. Let's to the cinema!
a) went b) gone c) go
25. Do you any time to help me?
a) has b) have c) had
26. She a big family.
a) had b) haves c) has
27. We had a hard time with this project, but managed to finish it on time.
a) have b) has c) had
28. What do you doing in your free time most?
a) likes b) liked c) like
29. My friend swimming and skiing.
a) likes b) like c) is
30. My grandpa fish and vegetables.
a) like b) liked c) become
31. What did the strange man like?
a) looked b) looks c) look
32. '..... out', she shouted
a) looked b) look c) looks
33. Always after your dearest and nearest.
a) see b) look c) looks
34. I have already an exception for you twice.
a) make b) made c) makes
35. The boy a lot of mistakes in his tests because he's still not good at German.
a) does b) makes c) make
36. When we have lunch at work, my colleague always tasty green tea.
a) makes b) made c) did
37. How could I that he was a thief?
a) knew b) knows c) know
38. No person can everything.
a) known b) know c) knows
39. I may not him too well, but he can't be the killer.
a) knows b) known c) know
40. Do not off till tomorrow what you can do today.
a) puts b) get c) put
41. Please these flowers into that beautiful vase standing on the floor near the window
a) puts b) put c) stand
42. '..... it back', he said. 'You shouldn't take what isn't yours'.
a) stand b) put c) stay
43. How many more times should I that it cannot be true?

- a) said b) says c) say
44. And what exactly did you?
- a) say b) says c) said
45. Some critics that the movie is a complete fiasco.
- a) saying b) said c) say
46. It's so dark in here that I can nothing.
- a) saw b) seen c) see
47. Cats and dogs can much better than people.
- a) sees b) see c) saw
48. I am glad to you here.
- a) seen b) look c) see
49. Don't forget to a box with sandwiches and a bottle of mineral water with you.
- a) take b) taken c) took
50. Why cannot you it more seriously?
- a) takes b) take c) took
51. Parents care of their children all their life.
- a) takes b) taken c) take
52. You must not lies.
- a) tell b) told c) tells
53. Can you the difference between these two words?
- a) tells b) say c) tell
54. You can't the book by its cover.
- a) said b) told c) tell
55. First, then speak.
- a) thought b) think c) thinks
56. I'm of moving abroad.
- a) thought b) think c) thinking
57. I he was wrong.
- a) thinks b) think c) speak
58. What do you from me?
- a) wants b) wanted c) want
59. The police tried to find out who to buy that land
- a) want b) wanted c) wanting
60. The child a toy helicopter and Lego for Christmas
- a) want b) wants c) wanting

5. Put the words in the sentences into correct order

1. My famous was a father architect.
2. quarrel I not to here with you am.
3. wonder I what become him will of.
4. What you would do if vampire became you a?
5. You your be cruel so to sister can't!
6. They not could be in two the places at same different time.
7. The to train according the schedule comes.
8. I soon sure he come around will any am time.
9. Why your work sister always do her at does home?
10. favour Will you me do a?

11. I don't right like entertaining now feel.
12. nephew His will finds happy and ecstatic as new soon as he a job feel.
13. advise I you get on with your immediately to work.
14. sad sister got very Our yesterday.
15. Last went year to winter Canada on we holidays.
16. My adores her going with shopping friends sister.
17. would What you for to dinner like have?
18. I get usually at up 6 a.m., have a go and work to shower.
19. I don't that like talking to your me like.
20. His likes cooking but cleaning hates mother.
21. look Always after dearest and nearest your.
22. What like did strange the man look?
23. have I already exception made an for twice you.
24. What do understand not I is my makes neighbour how money.
25. How I know could that was thief he a?
26. She like they knew didn't her.
27. 'Put back it', he said.
28. I sure am I my pocket keys my into yesterday put.
29. And what did say you exactly?
30. the critics Some say that movie complete is a fiasco.
31. Cats see dogs can people much better and than.
32. It's so can in here I see dark nothing that.
33. Why you it take more cannot seriously?
34. I tournament take part that will chess in next month.
35. tell must You not lies.
36. can't book tell cover the by its You.
37. think I was wrong he.
38. about What think do you it?
39. The for child a helicopter and Lego toy Christmas wants.
40. I answer with you want to question my honesty.

Check yourself

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- 1 – t
- 2 – f
- 3 – m
- 4 – q
- 5 – e
- 6 – a
- 7 – s
- 8 – o
- 9 – l
- 10 – h
- 11 – b
- 12 – j
- 13 – i
- 14 – d
- 15 – n
- 16 – r
- 17 – g
- 18 – p
- 19 – c
- 20 – k

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- 1. say
- 2. wanted
- 3. puts (other verbs end in -e)
- 4. can (a modal verb and does not have -s)
- 5. do
- 6. looked (regular verb; other verbs are irregular)
- 7. liked (regular verb; other verbs are irregular)

3. Complete the sentences with the correct verb form

- 1. is
- 2. became
- 3. can
- 4. knows
- 5. like
- 6. saw

7. told
8. made
9. came
10. takes

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1 a	11 c	21 b	31 c	41 b	51 c
2 c	12 c	22 a	32 b	42 b	52 a
3 a	13 c	23 c	33 b	43 c	53 c
4 b	14 b	24 c	34 b	44 a	54 c
5 b	15 a	25 b	35 b	45 c	55 b
6 c	16 b	26 c	36 a	46 c	56 c
7 c	17 c	27 a	37 c	47 b	57 b
8 b	18 c	28 c	38 b	48 c	58 c
9 a	19 c	29 a	39 c	49 a	59 b
10 b	20 c	30 b	40 c	50 b	60 b

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39. The child wants a toy helicopter and Lego for Christmas.
40. I want you to answer my question with honesty.