Been vs Gone — Worksheet

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. Tom isn't at his desk — he's _____ to a meeting. He'll be back at three.
   a) been b) went c) go d) gone
2. I've _____ to the supermarket. Can you help me carry the bags in?
   a) been b) gone c) went d) go
3. My parents _____ gone to a concert, so I'm at home alone tonight.
   a) has b) is c) have d) was
4. Anna _____ ill since Friday, so she isn't at school today.
   a) has gone b) have been c) is been d) has been
5. _____ Ben _____ to bed? His light is off.
   a) Has … been b) Have … gone c) Has … gone d) Has … went
6. I _____ very well this week, so I'm working from home.
   a) haven't gone b) haven't been c) hasn't been d) haven't be
7. Lisa was here a minute ago. Where has she _____?
   a) been b) went c) gone d) go
8. There you are! Where have you _____? The meeting started ten minutes ago.
   a) been b) gone c) went d) go
9. Have you ever _____ to Iceland? I'm going there next month.
   a) be b) been c) was d) being
10. When I got to the bus stop, the others had _____ without me.
    a) been b) went c) gone d) go
11. My sister has _____ to live in Canada. She moved there last year.
    a) been b) went c) go d) gone
12. I've _____ to the dentist, and my tooth feels much better now.
    a) gone b) been c) went d) go
13. Leo's just _____ swimming. He'll be back in an hour.
    a) gone b) been c) go d) goes
14. I've _____ shopping — look at all these bags!
    a) gone b) been c) go d) going
15. Don't phone Nina now — she's _____ to the airport to catch her flight.
    a) been b) went c) go d) gone

16. “Where’s Kate?” “She’s _____ to the station to meet her aunt. They’ll be here soon.”
a) been b) gone c) went d) go

17. How long have you _____ in this job? You seem to know everyone.
a) gone b) go c) been d) be

18. Sorry I’m late — I’ve _____ stuck in traffic for an hour.
a) been b) gone c) go d) be

19. I was tired when I got home because I _____ at work for ten hours.
a) had gone b) have been c) had been d) has been

20. Paul missed the party on Saturday. He _____ to Rome and didn’t come back until Monday.
a) had gone b) had been c) has gone d) have gone

21. “Where have you _____?” “I’ve _____ to the bank. Sorry I took so long.”
a) gone … been b) been … been c) been … gone d) gone … gone

22. Here’s the fruit — I’ve _____ to the market. Tom’s _____ to get bread — he’ll be back soon.
a) gone … been b) been … been c) gone … gone d) been … gone

23. Kate _____ to Paris. She _____ there since Monday, and she’ll be back on Friday.
a) has gone … has been b) has been … has gone c) has been … has been d) has gone … has gone

24. By the time we arrived, Ella _____ home. She _____ at the party for only an hour.
a) had been … had gone b) had gone … had been c) had gone … had gone d) has gone … has been

25. Rob has just _____ home, so ask Lucy — she has _____ here all day.
a) been … gone b) gone … gone c) been … been d) gone … been

26. Which sentence is correct?
a) Our teacher has been to a conference. She’ll be back on Monday.
b) Our teacher has gone to a conference. She’ll be back on Monday.
c) Our teacher have gone to a conference. She’ll be back on Monday.
d) Our teacher has went to a conference. She’ll be back on Monday.

27. Which sentence is correct?
a) I’ve been swimming. My hair is still wet.
b) I’ve gone swimming. My hair is still wet.
c) I’ve went swimming. My hair is still wet.
d) I’ve been swim. My hair is still wet.

28. Which sentence is correct?
a) When I knocked on her door, Jo has gone to work, so I left a note.
b) When I knocked on her door, Jo had went to work, so I left a note.
c) When I knocked on her door, Jo had gone to work, so I left a note.
d) When I knocked on her door, Jo had go to work, so I left a note.

29. Which question is correct?
a) Where have you gone? You’re all wet!
b) Where you have been? You’re all wet!
c) Where have you went? You’re all wet!
d) Where have you been? You’re all wet!

30. Which is correct?
a) “Where has Mia gone?” “To the post office. She’ll be back soon.”
b) “Where has Mia been?” “To the post office. She’ll be back soon.”
c) “Where has Mia went?” “To the post office. She’ll be back soon.”
d) “Where Mia has gone?” “To the post office. She’ll be back soon.”

Answer Key

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1. d) gone
Tom isn't here and will be back at three, so he is still away: gone.

2. a) been
I'm back home with the bags, so the trip is over: been = went and came back.

3. c) have
My parents is plural, so have: My parents have gone.

4. d) has been
She is ill and it started on Friday, so the present perfect of be: has been.

5. c) Has … gone
His light is off, so Ben is in bed now — he went and is still there: Has Ben gone…?

6. b) haven't been
I am not well, and it has lasted all week: the present perfect of be, haven't been.

7. c) gone
She was here a minute ago and now she isn't, so she is still away: Where has she gone?

8. a) been
There you are!

9. b) been
Have you ever…?

10. c) gone
The others left before I arrived and were not there, so had gone (= had left).

11. d) gone
She lives in Canada now, so she went and stayed there: gone.

12. b) been
My tooth feels better now, so the visit is over and I'm back: been.

13. a) gone
He'll be back in an hour, so Leo is out now: gone swimming.

14. b) been
I'm back with the bags, so been shopping: I went and came back.

15. d) gone
Nina is on her way to the airport and won't be back soon: gone covers someone who is travelling too.

16. b) gone
Kate isn't here — she went to the station and will come back with her aunt: gone.

17. c) been
You are in this job → How long have you been in this job?

18. a) been
Stuck in traffic goes with be: I was stuck → I've been stuck for an hour.

19. c) had been
I was at work for ten hours before I got home, so the past perfect of be: had been.

20. a) had gone
He didn't come back until Monday, so on Saturday Paul was still away: had gone.

21. b) been … been
The speaker is back and apologising, so both gaps take been: Where have you been?

22. d) been … gone
I'm here with the fruit, so my trip is over: been.

23. a) has gone … has been
She'll be back on Friday, so Kate is still away: has gone to Paris.

24. b) had gone … had been
Ella had left and wasn't there when we arrived: had gone home.

25. d) gone … been
Rob has left and isn't here, so he has just gone home.

26. b) Our teacher has gone to a conference. She'll be back on Monday.
She'll be back on Monday, so the teacher is still away: has gone.

27. a) I've been swimming. My hair is still wet.
My hair is still wet and I'm here talking, so I went and came back: I've been swimming.

28. c) When I knocked on her door, Jo had gone to work, so I left a note.
When I knocked, Jo had already left and wasn't there, so the past perfect had gone.

29. d) Where have you been? You're all wet!
You're all wet!

30. a) "Where has Mia gone?" "To the post office. She'll be back soon."
Mia will be back soon, so she is still away: Where has Mia gone?