

**Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.**

1. George \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ in bed when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ a scream. (read, hear)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ TV when I \_\_\_\_\_ you? (you watch, phone)
4. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ for me when I \_\_\_\_\_. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie \_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen when John \_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him.  
(clean, ask)
6. The house \_\_\_\_\_ £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ not interested in the book because she \_\_\_\_\_ it (be, not understand)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday? (you be)
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ in a house near the sea last summer (live)
13. She \_\_\_\_\_ the piano very well when she \_\_\_\_\_ young (can play, be)
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ the office very early last night (leave).
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ a friend while I \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping (meet, do)
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ for my things when I \_\_\_\_\_ someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ around and \_\_\_\_\_ Judy. (turn, see)
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ a bright yellow dress when I \_\_\_\_\_ her last (wear, see)
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter \_\_\_\_\_ up the pieces of glass he \_\_\_\_\_ his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we \_\_\_\_\_ the cafe and \_\_\_\_\_ good bye (leave, say)
22. I \_\_\_\_\_ the fire at six and it \_\_\_\_\_ brightly when Tom came in at seven.  
(light, still burn)
23. My dog \_\_\_\_\_ along quietly when Mary's Pekinese \_\_\_\_\_ him. (walk, attack)
24. When I \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. She said she always \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What \_\_\_\_\_ of his last book? –I \_\_\_\_\_ it a lot (you think, like)
26. He suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He \_\_\_\_\_ guitar when someone \_\_\_\_\_ the window and \_\_\_\_\_ out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind \_\_\_\_\_  
(not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they \_\_\_\_\_ that the police \_\_\_\_\_ for them, they \_\_\_\_\_ the coats in the woods and \_\_\_\_\_ off in different directions.  
(know, look, hide, go)
30. When I \_\_\_\_\_ home they \_\_\_\_\_ around a fire. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ a crossword puzzle, Judy \_\_\_\_\_ and the others \_\_\_\_\_. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ at me and said : " Come and sit down" (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)

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1. I \_\_\_\_\_ Sue in town yesterday, but she \_\_\_\_\_ me. She \_\_\_\_\_ the other way. (see, not see, look)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ to Berlin and I \_\_\_\_\_ to Madrid. We \_\_\_\_\_ a chat while we \_\_\_\_\_ for our flights. (meet, go, go, have, wait)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ home yesterday when suddenly a man \_\_\_\_\_ out into the road in front of me. I \_\_\_\_\_ quite fast but luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ to stop in time and \_\_\_\_\_ him. (cycle, step, go, manage, not hit)
4. Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ for me when I \_\_\_\_\_. (wait, arrive)
5. "What \_\_\_\_\_ at this time yesterday?" – "I was asleep." (you do)
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ out last night?" – "No, I was too tired". (you go)
7. "Was Carol at the party last night?" – "Yes she \_\_\_\_\_ a really nice dress." (wear)
8. How fast \_\_\_\_\_ when the accident \_\_\_\_\_? (you drive, happen)
9. John \_\_\_\_\_ a photo of me while I \_\_\_\_\_. (take, not look)
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ in a very difficult position. We \_\_\_\_\_ what to do. (be, not know)
11. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ him, he \_\_\_\_\_ to find a job in Leeds (see, try)
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ along the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ me. I was frightened and \_\_\_\_\_ to run. (walk, hear, follow, start)
13. When I \_\_\_\_\_ young I \_\_\_\_\_ to be a bus driver. (be, want)
14. While Mike \_\_\_\_\_ TV Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ a book. (watch, read)
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus when I \_\_\_\_\_ her yesterday. (wait, see)
16. On Sunday I \_\_\_\_\_ for a walk and then I \_\_\_\_\_ the museum. (go, visit)
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ lunch when the first guests \_\_\_\_\_. (prepare, arrive)
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ when she suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise. (sleep, hear)
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ on the lake when a terrible thunderstorm \_\_\_\_\_ up. (sail, come)
20. Some minutes later his friend \_\_\_\_\_ to take him to the airport. (come)
21. While his friend \_\_\_\_\_ the car, John \_\_\_\_\_ about his holidays. (drive, talk)
22. John \_\_\_\_\_ a shower when the telephone \_\_\_\_\_. (have, ring)
23. When they \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport, the plane \_\_\_\_\_ high above their heads. (arrive, already fly)
24. They \_\_\_\_\_ to the restaurant and \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee. (go, have)
25. While the football teams \_\_\_\_\_ up, the fans \_\_\_\_\_ their flags. (warm, wave)

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1. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the shopping centre.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) very quickly. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the side road and then the van \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) into the back of it.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill last week.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg when he \_\_\_\_\_ (ski).
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) out of the window and saw that people \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the park.
6. Emma \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the spaceship we \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) the car.
8. When \_\_\_\_\_ (you buy) the car? – I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it a few years ago.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the garden when a wasp \_\_\_\_\_ (sting) him in the nose.
10. Claire \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Egypt last month.
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a beautiful dream when the alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
12. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) at the lights.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home in the middle of the night when we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a flashing light.
14. Soft music \_\_\_\_\_ (play) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the room.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ (you buy) that bag while I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) after the children?
16. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) peaceful and the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).
17. Was \_\_\_\_\_ (Jimmy, already wait) for you when you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) there?
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) at about 3 o'clock yesterday, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not pick) up the phone. – What \_\_\_\_\_ (you do) ?  
– I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) Dad in the garden so I probably \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) it.
19. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in the bath when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring). It \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) after a few rings.
20. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold when we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house that day.