

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**)