

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

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