

Q.1 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)

Q. 2 Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form

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)