

III. Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct verb tense: Past simple or Past progressive:

26. He (sit) _____ on the river bank fishing when he (see) _____ a man's hat floating down the river.
27. It (snow) _____ heavily when he (wake) _____ up.
28. When I (reach) _____ the street I (realize) _____ that I (not know) _____ the number of Tom's house.
29. I (look) _____ through the class window. A geometry lesson (go) _____ on. The teacher (draw) _____ diagrams on the blackboard.
30. I (meet) _____ Paul at the university. We (be) _____ both in the same year. He (study) _____ law, but he (spend) _____ most of his time practicing the violin.
31. 'What (you do) _____ between 9.00 and 10.00 yesterday?' (say) _____ the detective. 'I (clean) _____ my house, said Mrs. Jones. 'I always clean my house on Saturday mornings.'
32. The dentist's waiting room was full of people. Some (read) _____ magazines, others just (turn) _____ over the pages. A woman (knit) _____, a child (play) _____ with a toy car.
33. While I (try) _____ to get my car started, a passing car (stop) _____ and the driver (offer) _____ to help.
34. Nick (lie) _____ down on the grass for a while, next to some tourists who (feed) _____ the ducks on the pond.
35. Mary (not wear) _____ her glasses at the time, so she (not see) _____ what color the man's T-shirt (be) _____.
36. While Diana (watch) _____ her favorite television program, there (be) _____ a power cut.
37. Who (drive) _____ the car at the time of the accident?
38. I (do) _____ some shopping yesterday when I saw your friend.
39. What exactly (you / do) _____ when I came to your office yesterday?
40. Sorry, I (not answer) _____ the phone. I (have) _____ a shower.

IV. Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct verb tense: Past simple or Past perfect:

41. As Geoff was introduced to Mrs. Snape, he _____ (realize) that he _____ (meet) her before.
42. During the previous week, I _____ (go) to the gym every morning.
43. By the time I _____ (get) back to the bathroom, the bath _____ (overflow)
44. The boy told me that he _____ (lose) his train ticket and _____ (not/ know) how he would get home.
45. I was just about to leave when I _____ (remember) my briefcase.
46. She _____ (walk) into the station only to find that the train _____ (leave).
47. At the conference, scientists reported that they _____ (find) a cure for Malaria.
48. On my last visit to Winton I _____ (find) that the village _____ (not change) much.
49. In a surprise move, the Prime Minister _____ (resign) last night.
50. Jane didn't want any dinner. She _____ (eat) already.
51. When she _____ (come) into the hall, everyone _____ (start) cheering.
52. After they _____ (eat) all the food, they _____ (pick) up their bags and left.
53. I thought I would get to the restaurant first, but Jim _____ (arrive) before me.
54. By the time I _____ (get) to the party, most people _____ (go) home.
55. As soon as I _____ (turn) the ignition key, the engine _____ (catch) fire.