

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)