

Exercise 1: Past Simple, Past Continuous, and Past Perfect

1. Yesterday, I _____ (watch) a movie when the power _____ (go) out.
2. By the time we arrived at the party, everyone _____ (already/eat) dinner.
3. She _____ (read) a book while her brother _____ (play) video games.
4. We _____ (not/see) him because he _____ (leave) before we got there.
5. When I _____ (wake) up, it _____ (rain) heavily outside.
6. They _____ (finish) their homework before the teacher _____ (ask) for it.
7. He _____ (fall) asleep while he _____ (listen) to music.
8. By the time the train _____ (arrive), we _____ (wait) for an hour.
9. She _____ (forget) her phone, so she _____ (have) to borrow mine.
10. The cat _____ (hide) under the table while the dog _____ (bark).
11. When the teacher _____ (come) into the classroom, the students _____ (talk) loudly.
12. I _____ (realize) that I _____ (leave) my keys at home.
13. We _____ (climb) the mountain when the weather _____ (suddenly/change).
14. The children _____ (build) a sandcastle while their parents _____ (read) on the beach.
15. She _____ (already/finish) her project when the deadline _____ (arrive).
16. They _____ (not/know) what to do because they _____ (not/read) the instructions.
17. The bird _____ (fly) away while I _____ (try) to take a picture.
18. We _____ (decide) to leave early because the party _____ (not/be) fun.
19. He _____ (miss) the bus because he _____ (wake) up late.
20. When she _____ (call) me, I _____ (study) for my exam.
21. I _____ (never/see) such a beautiful sunset before that day.
22. While I _____ (drive) home, I _____ (see) an accident on the road.
23. He _____ (hurt) his leg while he _____ (play) football.
24. They _____ (not/notice) that it _____ (start) to snow.
25. By the time I _____ (arrive) at the station, the train _____ (already/leave).
26. She _____ (fall) asleep while she _____ (watch) her favorite show.
27. We _____ (not/know) the answer because we _____ (not/learn) that topic yet.
28. When I _____ (enter) the room, they _____ (argue) about something.
29. He _____ (apologize) after he _____ (realize) his mistake.
30. The lights _____ (go) out while we _____ (have) dinner.
31. She _____ (miss) the presentation because her car _____ (break) down.
32. He _____ (run) to catch the bus when he _____ (drop) his wallet.
33. While they _____ (travel) through Europe, they _____ (visit) many historical sites.
34. I _____ (never/try) sushi until I _____ (go) to Japan.
35. She _____ (sing) loudly when her brother _____ (ask) her to be quiet.
36. We _____ (not/expect) to win because we _____ (not/practice) enough.
37. The children _____ (play) outside when it suddenly _____ (start) to rain.
38. He _____ (be) tired because he _____ (not/sleep) well the night before.
39. She _____ (lose) her book and _____ (not/know) where to find it.
40. They _____ (not/go) to the concert because they _____ (spend) all their money.