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***)

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