

Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. George _____ (fall) off the ladder while he _____ (paint) the ceiling.
2. Last night I _____ (read) in bed when I suddenly _____ (hear) a scream.
3. _____ (you watch) TV when I _____ you? (phone)
4. Ann _____ (wait) for me when I _____. (arrive)
5. Maisie _____ (clean) up the kitchen when John _____ (ask) her to marry him.
6. The house _____ (cost) £ 150,000 in 2003.
7. The fire _____ (still burn) at six in the morning.
8. My brother _____ (get) a new job a week ago.
9. Columbus _____ America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She _____ (be) not interested in the book because she _____ it (not understand)
11. _____ (you be) at school yesterday?
12. We _____ (live) in a house near the sea last summer
13. She _____ (can play) the piano very well when she _____ young (be)
14. She _____ (leave) the office very early last night.
15. I _____ (meet) a friend while I _____ (do) the shopping
16. I _____ (pay) for my things when I _____ (hear) someone call my name
17. I _____ (turn) around and _____ (see) Judy.
18. She _____ (wear) a bright yellow dress when I _____ (see) her last
19. We _____ (decide) to have a cup of tea.
20. While the waiter _____ (pick) up the pieces of glass he _____ (cut) his finger

21. Then we _____ (leave) the cafe and _____ (say) good bye
22. I _____ (light) the fire at six and it _____ (still burn) brightly when Tom came in at seven.
23. My dog _____ (walk) along quietly when Mary's Pekinese _____ (attack) him.
24. When I _____ (arrive) she _____ (have) lunch. She said she always _____ (have) lunch at 12:30.
25. What _____ (you think) of his last book? –I _____ (like) it a lot
26. He suddenly _____ (realize) that he _____ (travel) in the wrong direction.
27. He _____ (play) guitar when someone _____ (open) the window and _____ (throw) out a bucket of water.
28. He _____ (not allow) us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind _____. (blow)
29. The next day, as they _____ (know) that the police _____ (look) for them, they _____ (hide) the coats in the woods and _____ (go) off in different directions.
30. When I _____ (come) home they _____ (sit) around a fire. Jack _____ (do) a crossword puzzle, Judy _____ (knit) and the others _____ (read). Mother _____ (smile) at me and said : " Come and sit down"