

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST PERFECT

1. Mr. Brown _____ for the day when the phone call came.
A. has already left B. already leaves C. already left D. had already left
2. Ms. Hoa _____ the package when she discovered the address was wrong.
A. had mailed B. has mailed C. will mail D. would mail
3. We _____ in the sitting-room for hours when he finally came home.
A. had been sitting B. have sat C. will be sitting D. sat
4. Before the cancellation letter arrived, they _____ the goods.
A. send B. had sent C. have sent D. had been sending
5. The accident happened when one of the workers _____ the chemical tank.
A. was cleaning B. were cleaning C. cleaned D. had been cleaning
6. When I left the office, the building was empty because everyone _____.
A. was leaving B. had been leaving C. were leaving D. had left
7. When the company went public, Mr. Smith _____ it for four years.
A. is running B. was running C. had been running D. ran
8. She fainted because she _____ for 10 miles without a rest.
A. run B. had been running C. was running D. had run
9. Mr. Hung _____ a trip to the islands until he realized it was hurricane season.
A. planned B. has planned C. had planned D. had been planning
10. Last night I had dinner with the Browns, who _____ for Sonny for a couple of years in the 90s, and then over here to set up his own business.
A. was working / was coming B. was working / came
C. worked / came D. worked / was coming
11. When I arrived at this house, he _____.
A. slept B. sleep C. is sleeping D. was sleeping
12. Two weeks ago, Mr. John _____ his reservations.
A. makes B. was made C. made D. has made
13. When I called on her, Mary _____ her room.
A. clean B. cleans C. cleaning D. was cleaning

14. Sahar and her husband _____ the movies last Saturday.
A. was going B. went to C. they went D. went they to
15. The oil price _____ last month.
A. was falling B. had been fallen C. fell D. felt
16. Mr. Han _____ his bags when he found out his flight was canceled.
A. packed B. were packing C. was packing D. has packed
17. Going on a business trip last month _____ a lot of fun.
A. were B. was C. are D. is
18. Before she died, the old woman _____ to take a walk with her husband daily.
A. used B. ought C. might D. should
19. The president _____ a large number of employees and business partners to the reception last week.
A. was inviting B. invites C. had invited D. invited
20. The security guard noticed the broken window while he _____ round the warehouse.
A. was walking B. walked C. had walked D. walks