

Fill in the blanks with Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple or Continuous

When I (1) _____ (arrive) home last night, I

(2) _____ (discover) that Jane (3) _____ (prepare) a beautiful candlelight dinner.

When I (4) _____ (turn) the radio on yesterday, I

(5) _____ (hear) a song that was popular when I was in high school. I

(6) _____ (not hear) the song for years, and

it (7) _____ (bring) back some great memories.

Last week, I (8) _____ (run into) an old friend of mine. We

(9) _____ (not see) each other for years and both of us

(10) _____ (change) a great deal.

When Emilio (11) _____ (enter) the room, I

(12) _____ (not recognize) him because

he (13) _____ (lose) so much weight

and (14) _____ (grow) a beard. He (15) _____ (look) totally different.

When Oprah Winfrey (16) _____ (get) her own TV show in 1986,

she (17) _____ (work) as a news reporter for a long time.

In 1976, 60% of families (18) _____ (be) couples with children but by 1996,

this (19) _____ (fall) to 51%.

Several senior employees (20) _____ (leave) the company by the time the new manager (21) _____ (arrive) last week.

Until the new software (22) _____ (purchase), the staff

(23) _____ (struggle) to keep the accounts up to date.

I (24) _____ (see) that movie three times last year

When my supervisor (25) _____ (pop in) my office the other day, I

(26) _____ (work) on the project for nearly three hours.