

Grammar in Use – Past Tenses

Complete the gaps with the correct past tense.

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**)