Grammar training

Past Simple or Continuous?



Look at the sentences below and choose the correct answer in each space.

1. They _____ (come) into the café, _____ (order) their coffee, and _____ (pay) before they _____ (leave).
2. Claire _____ (buy) souvenirs when she _____ (bump) into an old friend from school.
3. While Ellie _____ (search) for her passport, her brother _____ (wait) impatiently in the car.
4. They _____ (plan) their summer vacation when they _____ (realize) they needed to renew their passports.
5. The high school students _____ (study) in the library when the fire alarm _____ (go off).
6. The friends _____ (explore) a new city when they _____ (get) lost and had to ask for directions.
7. The teenagers _____ (try) on clothes at the mall when they _____ (understand) the store was about to close.
8. Mia _____ (prepare) a surprise party for her best friend when she accidentally _____ (send) the invitation to the wrong person.
9. Lucas _____ (watch) a travel documentary when he _____ (decide) to book his next trip.
10. The friends _____ (plan) a road trip when their car _____ (break) down unexpectedly.
11. The waiter _____ (come) to our table and _____ (take) our order.
12. She _____ (smile) at the little girl, and the girl _____ (wave) back with excitement.
13. I _____ (drop) my phone while I _____ (run) to catch the bus.
14. While tourists _____ (admire) the painting in the gallery, someone _____ (steal) a bag from one of the visitors.