CONTROLLED PRACTICE

Paraphrase these negative sentences using past modals of deduction.

1. I **wouldn't have been able to finish** the project without your help.
   I _____ the project without your help.

2. **It's possible that I didn't send** the email — I'll check my drafts.
   I _____ the email — I'll check my drafts.

3. I **100% wasn't driving** too fast — I was stuck in traffic.
   I _____ too fast — I was stuck in traffic.

4. **It's possible that he didn't tell** you the full story.
   He _____ you the full story.

5. **It's possible that you weren't thinking** clearly when you made that decision.
   You _____ clearly when you made that decision.

6. **It's possible that he was not watching** the road carefully, which is why he almost crashed.
   He _____ the road carefully, which is why he almost crashed.

7. **It's possible that you were not looking** in the right folder for the document.
   You _____ in the right folder for the document.

8. She **100% wasn't studying** at 2 AM; she was asleep by midnight.
   She _____ at 2 AM; she was asleep by midnight.

9. She **most likely wasn't listening**; she asked the same question twice.
   She _____ ; she asked the same question twice.

10. You **most likely wasn't watching** the movie closely — you missed an important scene.
    You _____ the movie closely — you missed an important scene.

11. They **most likely weren't expecting** visitors; the house was a mess.
    They _____ visitors; the house was a mess.

12. You **wouldn't have been able to see** me at the mall yesterday — I was home all day.
    You _____ me at the mall yesterday — I was home all day.

13. **It's possible you were not paying** attention during class — that's why you're confused.
    You _____ attention during class — that's why you're confused.

14. They **wouldn't have been able to win** the match without their star player.
    They _____ the match without their star player.

15. **It's possible they didn't recognize** me in my new outfit.
    They _____ me in my new outfit.

16. She **wouldn't have been able to know** about the surprise party — we were so careful!

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She _____ about the surprise party — we were so careful!

17. **It's possible she didn't notice** the deadline, which is why she submitted it late.
    She _____ the deadline, which is why she submitted it late.

18. **It's possible he didn't hear** the alarm, which is why he overslept.
    He _____ the alarm, which is why he overslept.

19. He **most likely wasn't working** when I called; he answered immediately.
    He _____ when I called; he answered immediately.

20. They **wouldn't have been able to arrive** earlier because their flight was delayed.
    They _____ earlier because their flight was delayed.

21. She **100% wasn't cooking** when you called because we ordered takeout.
    She _____ when you called because we ordered takeout.

22. **It's possible she didn't understand** the joke, which is why she didn't laugh.
    She _____ the joke, which is why she didn't laugh.

23. He **most likely didn't lock** the door — it's open!
    He _____ the door — it's open!

24. **It's possible she wasn't following** the recipe exactly, which is why the cake didn't turn out well.
    She _____ the recipe exactly, which is why the cake didn't turn out well.

25. I **most likely wasn't walking** carefully because I tripped on the stairs.
    I _____ carefully because I tripped on the stairs.

26. **It's possible she didn't realize** how expensive that item was.
    She _____ how expensive that item was.

27. She **most likely hasn't seen** my message; she hasn't replied yet.
    She _____ my message; she hasn't replied yet.

28. I **most likely didn't set** my alarm properly — I overslept.
    I _____ my alarm properly — I overslept.

29. **It's possible you were not studying** as hard as you thought, judging by your test results.
    You _____ as hard as you thought, judging by your test results.

30. She **most likely wasn't paying** attention in class — she didn't understand the lesson.
    She _____ attention in class — she didn't understand the lesson.

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