

**III. Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct verb tense: Past simple or Past progressive:**

26. He (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ on the river bank fishing when he (see) \_\_\_\_\_ a man's hat floating down the river.
27. It (snow) \_\_\_\_\_ heavily when he (wake) \_\_\_\_\_ up.
28. When I (reach) \_\_\_\_\_ the street I (realize) \_\_\_\_\_ that I (not know) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of Tom's house.
29. I (look) \_\_\_\_\_ through the class window. A geometry lesson (go) \_\_\_\_\_ on. The teacher (draw) \_\_\_\_\_ diagrams on the blackboard.
30. I (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ Paul at the university. We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ both in the same year. He (study) \_\_\_\_\_ law, but he (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ most of his time practicing the violin.
31. 'What (you do) \_\_\_\_\_ between 9.00 and 10.00 yesterday?' (say) \_\_\_\_\_ the detective. 'I (clean) \_\_\_\_\_ my house, said Mrs. Jones. 'I always clean my house on Saturday mornings.'
32. The dentist's waiting room was full of people. Some (read) \_\_\_\_\_ magazines, others just (turn) \_\_\_\_\_ over the pages. A woman (knit) \_\_\_\_\_, a child (play) \_\_\_\_\_ with a toy car.
33. While I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to get my car started, a passing car (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ and the driver (offer) \_\_\_\_\_ to help.
34. Nick (lie) \_\_\_\_\_ down on the grass for a while, next to some tourists who (feed) \_\_\_\_\_ the ducks on the pond.
35. Mary (not wear) \_\_\_\_\_ her glasses at the time, so she (not see) \_\_\_\_\_ what color the man's T-shirt (be) \_\_\_\_\_.
36. While Diana (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite television program, there (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a power cut.
37. Who (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ the car at the time of the accident?
38. I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ some shopping yesterday when I saw your friend.
39. What exactly (you / do) \_\_\_\_\_ when I came to your office yesterday?
40. Sorry, I (not answer) \_\_\_\_\_ the phone. I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.

**IV. Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct verb tense: Past simple or Past perfect:**

41. As Geoff was introduced to Mrs. Snape, he \_\_\_\_\_ (realize) that he \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her before.
42. During the previous week, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the gym every morning.
43. By the time I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) back to the bathroom, the bath \_\_\_\_\_ (overflow)
44. The boy told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) his train ticket and \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ know) how he would get home.
45. I was just about to leave when I \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) my briefcase.
46. She \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the station only to find that the train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).
47. At the conference, scientists reported that they \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a cure for Malaria.
48. On my last visit to Winton I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) that the village \_\_\_\_\_ (not change) much.
49. In a surprise move, the Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ (resign) last night.
50. Jane didn't want any dinner. She \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) already.
51. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (come) into the hall, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (start) cheering.
52. After they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the food, they \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) up their bags and left.
53. I thought I would get to the restaurant first, but Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) before me.
54. By the time I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the party, most people \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home.
55. As soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) the ignition key, the engine \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) fire.