

Past Tenses

Simple or progressive

1. It _____ (rain) when we
_____ (come) out of the shopping centre.
2. It _____ (happen) very quickly. The car
_____ (come) out of the side road and
then the van _____ (drive) into the back
of it.
3. I _____ (be) ill last week.
4. He _____ (break) his leg when he
_____ (ski).
5. I _____ (look) out of the window and
saw that people _____ (walk) in the park.
6. Emma _____ (pass) her exam a few
weeks ago.
7. When we _____ (see) the spaceship we
_____ (stop) the car.
8. When _____ (you buy) the car? - I
_____ (buy) it a few years ago.
9. He _____ (sit) in the garden when a
wasp _____ (sting) him in the nose.

10. Claire _____ (go) to Egypt last month.

11. She _____ (have) a beautiful dream
when the alarm clock _____ (ring).

12. The car _____ (stop) at the lights.

13. We _____ (drive) home in the middle
of the night when we _____ (see) a flashing light.

14. Soft music _____ (play) when I
_____ (go) into the room.

15. _____ (you buy) that bag while I
_____ (look) after the children?

16. It _____ (be) peaceful and the birds
_____ (sing).

17. Was _____ (Jimmy, already wait)
for you when you _____ (get) there?

18. I _____ (ring) at about 3 o'clock
yesterday, but you _____ (not pick) up
the phone. - What _____ (you do)?

- I _____ (help) Dad in the garden so I
probably _____ (not hear) it.

19. I _____ (lie) in the bath when the
phone _____ (ring). It
_____ (stop) after a few rings.

20. It _____ (be) cold when we
_____ (leave) the house that day.