

## Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.

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)
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ for my things when I \_\_\_\_\_ someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ around and \_\_\_\_\_ Judy. (turn, see)
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ a bright yellow dress when I \_\_\_\_\_ her last (wear, see)
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter \_\_\_\_\_ up the pieces of glass he \_\_\_\_\_ his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we \_\_\_\_\_ the cafe and \_\_\_\_\_ good bye (leave, say)
22. I \_\_\_\_\_ the fire at six and it \_\_\_\_\_ brightly when Tom came in at seven. (light, still burn)
23. My dog \_\_\_\_\_ along quietly when Mary's Pekinese \_\_\_\_\_ him. (walk, attack)
24. When I \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. She said she always \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What \_\_\_\_\_ of his last book? – I \_\_\_\_\_ it a lot (you think, like)
26. He suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He \_\_\_\_\_ guitar when someone \_\_\_\_\_ the window and \_\_\_\_\_ out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind \_\_\_\_\_ (not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they \_\_\_\_\_ that the police \_\_\_\_\_ for them, they \_\_\_\_\_ the coats in the woods and \_\_\_\_\_ off in different directions. (know, look, hide, go)
30. When I \_\_\_\_\_ home they \_\_\_\_\_ around a fire. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ a crossword puzzle, Judy \_\_\_\_\_ and the others \_\_\_\_\_. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ at me and said : "Come and sit down" (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)