

Past Tenses

Written Practice

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the given verb.

1. My parents _____ (get) to know each other when they _____ (study) at university.
2. Dr Fisher _____ (travel) widely as a young man and _____ (always keep) a diary.
3. I _____ (never ride) a bike until I _____ (go) to live in Amsterdam.
4. How long _____ (you apply) for jobs when you _____ (get) this one?
5. When Martin _____ (come) into the room, his mother nearly _____ (faint) because she _____ (not see) him for nearly 20 years.
6. Simon _____ (finish) with his girlfriend because she _____ (always cancel) dates at the last moment.
7. Anna's feeling depressed because she _____ (hope) for a pay rise last week, but she _____ (not get) one.
8. I _____ (see) my brother and his girlfriend when I _____ (wait) for the bus, they _____ (not see) me.
9. _____ (you see) the film before? Ye, we _____ (watch) it last year.
10. While I _____ (work) in Rome, I _____ (meet) a girl who _____ (look) just like your sister.
11. We were held up in traffic jam so the concert _____ (begin) by the time we _____ (arrive).
12. Lily _____ (fill) in the application form and _____ (give) it to the receptionist.
13. _____ (you ever do) any carpentry before you _____ (build) that cupboard?
14. I _____ (not see) Lisa when I _____ (go) round last night because she _____ (go) to stay with her grandmother.
15. As soon as I _____ (sit) down on the train, I _____ (realize) that I _____ (leave) my passport at home.
16. I _____ (drive) for about four hours when I _____ (realize) that I was completely lost.
17. When I _____ (see) him last, he _____ (not be) married for so long.
18. After he _____ (wash) his clothes, he _____ (hang) them outside to dry.
19. The manager was shocked when he _____ (discover) that Jane was a thief. Up until then, he _____ (believe) that she was completely honest.
20. The phone _____ (ring) several minutes before I _____ (hear) it.
21. When I _____ (go) into the room, everyone _____ (stop) talking and _____ (look) at me.
22. While I _____ (dance) with a lovely girl, the whole crowd _____ (watch) us.