

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.