

Directions: Complete each sentence with the simple past of the verbs.

1. Maria walked to school today. Rebecca _____ (drive) her car. Olga _____ (ride) her bicycle. Yoke _____ (take) the bus.
2. Last night I had a good night's sleep. I _____ (sleep) nine hours.
3. Ann _____ (wear) a beautiful a beautiful dress to the wedding reception.
4. It got so cold last night that the water in the pond _____ (freeze).
5. Frank was really thirsty. He _____ (drink) four glasses of water.
6. Karen had to choose between a blue raincoat and a tan one. She finally _____ (take) the blue one.
7. My husband gave me a painting for my birthday. I _____ (hang) it on the wall in my office.
8. Last night around midnight, when I was sound asleep, the telephone _____ (ring). It _____ (wake) me up.
9. The sun _____ (rise) at 6:04 this morning and will set at 6:59.
10. I _____ (send) an e-mail to my cousin after I finished studying yesterday evening.
11. Ms. Manning _____ (teach) chemistry at the local high school last year.
12. The police _____ (catch) the bank robbers. They are in jail now.

13. Oh my gosh! Call the police! Someone _____ (steal) my car.

14. Today Jack has on slacks and a sports jacket, but yesterday he _____ (wear) jeans and a sweatshirt to work.

15. My friend told me that he had a singing dog. When the dog _____ (sing), I _____ (put) my hands over my ears.

16. When I introduced Pedro to Ming, they _____ (shake) hands and greeted each other.

17. I _____ (sweep) the kitchen floor with a broom.

18. A bird _____ (fly) into our apartment through an open window.

19. I _____ (catch) the bird and _____ (hold) it gently in my hands until I could put it back outside.

20. The children had a good time at the park yesterday. They _____ (feed) the ducks small pieces of bread.

21. My dog _____ (dig) a hole in the yard and buried his bone.

22. Ahmed _____ (left) his apartment in a hurry this morning because he was late for school. That's why he _____ (forget) to bring his books to class.

23. Alex _____ (hurt) his finger when he was fixing his dinner last night. He accidentally _____ (cut) it with a sharp knife.

24. I don't have any money in my pocket. I _____ (spend) it all yesterday. I'm flat broke.

25. Ann didn't throw her shoes away. She _____ (keep) them because they were comfortable.

26. I _____ (read) an interesting article in the newspaper yesterday.

27. Jack _____ (loose) his pocketknife at the park yesterday. This morning he _____ (go) back to the park to look for it. Finally, he _____ (find) it in the grass. He was glad to have it back.

28. Mr. Smith was very happy but a little nervous when he _____ (hold) his baby in his arms for the first time.

29. I _____ (meet) Jennifer's parents when they visited her. She introduced me to them.

30. A: Is Natasha still angry with you?

B: No, she _____ (forgive) me for what I did, and she's speaking to me again.

31. I dropped my favorite vase. It fell on the floor and _____ (break) into a hundred pieces.

32. When I went shopping yesterday, I _____ (buy) some light bulbs and a cooking pot.

33. The soldiers _____ (fight) the battle through the night and into the morning.

34. I used to have a camera, but I _____ (sell) it because I needed the money.

35. Jane didn't want anyone to find her diary, so she _____ (hide) it in a shoe box in her closet.

36. I didn't want anyone to see the note, so I _____ (tear) it into tiny pieces and _____ (through) them in the wastebasket.

37. The children _____ (draw) pictures of themselves in art class yesterday.

38. I have a cold. Yesterday I _____ (feel) terrible but I'm feeling better today.

39. Last night I _____ (hear) a strange noise in the house around 2:00 A.M., so I _____ (get) up to investigate.

40. Sam _____ (run) the fastest, so he _____ (win) the race.

41. My dog isn't very friendly. Yesterday she _____ (bite) my neighbor's leg. Luckily, my dog is very old and doesn't have sharp teeth, so she didn't hurt my neighbor.

42. Steve _____ (blow) on the campfire to make it burn.

43. When I went fishing yesterday, I _____ (catch) a fish right away. But the fish was too small to keep. I carefully returned it to the water. I quickly _____ (swim) away.

44. Amanda _____ (tell) a lie. I didn't believe her because I _____ (know) the truth.