B2 – Past Tenses

PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Lilla rang me during my favourite TV programme. (I)
   Lilla rang me while _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ TV programme.

2. My neighbours have been married for ten years. (MARRIED)
   My _____ _____ _____ _____ ago.

3. I've been teaching for ten years. (BECAME)
   I _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ago.

4. During his law studies he met his future wife. **(STUDYING)**
   While ___ ____ _____ _____ , he met his future wife.

5. They haven't seen Pete for three weeks. (WAS)
   The last _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ three weeks ago.

6. She wasn't sure about changing her job until last week. (DECIDED)
   It wasn't until last week that ____ _____ ____ _____ her job.

7. Tom broke the news during dinner. (WE)
   It was while _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Tom broke the news.

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT

8. I have done two presentations this week. ON
   I _____ _____ _____ _____ Monday and on Wednesday as well.

9. She travelled to the States back in 2020 and 2022.
   She ___ ____ ___ the States twice.

10. Is Dad home from the supermarket? BACK
    Has _____ _____ _____ _____ from the supermarket?

11. Sam's friend went on holiday last weekend and he is still in France. GONE
    Sam's friend _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ holiday.

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE and CONTINUOUS

12. We arrived late for the performance. (STARTED)
    The performance _____ _____ _____ when we arrived.

13. Claire locked the door after turning off all the lights. **(TURNED)**
    After _____ _____ _____ _____ all the lights, she locked the door.

14. Joey had a much easier life after winning the lottery. (BEEN)
    Joey's life_____ _____ _____ _____ difficult than it was after winning the lottery.

15. It was my first visit to the States. (NEVER)
    I _____ _____ _____ to the States before.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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16. His collapse was due to overwork. (BEEN)
    He collapsed because he _____ _____ _____ _____ hard.

17. I didn't have any money left so I couldn't buy it. (SPENT)
    I couldn't buy it because ___ _____ ____ ____ of my money.

USED TO and WOULD

18. We got homework from our teacher every day. (WOULD)
    Our teacher _____ _____ _____ homework every day.

19. I loved having cereal for breakfast as a child, but not anymore. LOVE
    I ____ ____ _____ _____ cereal for breakfast as a child.

20. Back in school, my dad always tried to tell jokes in front of my friends; it was really embarrassing! ALWAYS
    Back in school, my dad _____ ____ ____ ____ tell jokes in front of my friends; it was really embarrassing!

21. Gina had long hair, but she cut it short yesterday. TO
    Gina ____ ____ _____ ____ hair.

PAST TENSES - MIXED

22. Would you lend me your car? (WONDERING)
    I _____ borrow your car.

23. She had more freedom when her father was abroad. **Travelling**
    While _____ , she had more freedom.

24. It was windy all day yesterday. **Blowing**
    A _____ all day yesterday.

25. He was an actor in a lot of plays at school. **Acting**
    He did _____ at school.

26. Andrew said the mistake was my fault. **Blamed**
    Andrew _____the mistake.

27. He misbehaved all the time, even when the teacher told him off. **Always**
    He _____, even when the teacher told him off.

28. His first bank robbery was two years ago. **Robbed**
    He _____ two years before.

29. His success in business allowed him to retire early. **had**
    He retired early _____ in business.

30. As soon as she came into the room she announced her marriage. **Got**
    She told us _____ as soon as she came into the room.

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