

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.

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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.