

## Grammar in Use – Past Tenses

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Complete the gaps with the correct past tense.

1. George \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ in bed when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ a scream. (read, hear)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ TV when I \_\_\_\_\_ you? (you watch, phone)
4. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ for me when I \_\_\_\_\_. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie \_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen when John \_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him. (clean, ask)
6. The house \_\_\_\_\_ £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ not interested in the book because she \_\_\_\_\_ it (be, not understand)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday? (you be)
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ in a house near the sea last summer (live)
13. She \_\_\_\_\_ the piano very well when she \_\_\_\_\_ young (can play, be)
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ the office very early last night (leave).
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ a friend while I \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping (meet, do)