

## 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**)