

1 The Romans ... to Britain in 54 BC.

- a) coming
- b) came
- c) come

2 We were strolling in the park when suddenly it

- a) thundered
- b) thunders
- c) was thundering

3 I was watching TV while the kids ... in the garden.

- a) played
- b) playing
- c) were playing

4 She was writing a letter while her husband

- a) was cooking
- b) cooked
- c) cooking

5 I ... the guitar at 9 o'clock yesterday.

- a) play
- b) was playing
- c) played

6 Einstein ... a paper on the general theory of relativity in 1916.

- a) was publish
- b) published
- c) was publishing

7 Carol was eating a banana while Sandy ... his home task.

- a) has done
- b) was doing
- c) did

8 He ... the Nobel Prize in literature in 1954.

- a) had won
- b) was winning
- c) won

9 I ... home at 7 p.m. yesterday.

- a) driving
- b) was driving
- c) drove

10 The boy ... to music when the door bell rang.

a) listened

b) listen

c) was listening

11 I woke up at 7 a.m., ironed my clothes and ... out.

- a) went
- b) gone
- c) was going

12 Marian ... Mary two years ago.

- a) has met
- b) was meeting
- c) met

13 We ... to Australia last year.

- a) had gone
- b) went
- c) had been

14 My cat ... with a toy when I called it.

- a) played
- b) has played
- c) was playing

15 Pavarotti ... his last performance at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin.

- a) had given
- b) was giving
- c) gave

16 Beethoven ... his first piece of music when he was 12.

- a) composed
- b) composing
- c) had composed

17 I put my coat on and ... a look in the mirror.

- a) taken
- b) had taken
- c) took

18 I was going to a supermarket when the fire ... out.

- a) break
- b) broke
- c) was breaking

19 Bill ... football at 10 o'clock yesterday.

- a) played
- b) was playing

c) have played

20 Henry ... to his cousin while his wife was reading a newspaper.

a) talking

b) talk

c) was talking

21 Steven ... the first book when he was four years old.

a) had read

b) read

c) was reading

22 We went to Hyde Park and then we ... in a restaurant.

a) relaxed

b) have relaxed

c) were relaxing

23 David Beckham ... for Manchester United from 1993 to 2003.

a) was playing

b) played

c) playing

24 Jill wiped the table after supper, took a shower and ... to bed.

a) was going

b) had gone

c) went

25 Lincoln ... the 16th President of the United States in 1860.

a) had become

b) became

c) become

26 I was sitting in the café when my phone

a) was ringing

b) had rung

c) rang

27 I was listening to music when my mom ... my room.

a) entered

b) has entered

c) entering

28 I was trying to concentrate when suddenly my girlfriend ... me a fright.

a) had given

b) gave

c) given

29 I was reading a book while the children

a) slept

b) had slept

c) were sleeping

30 The first Derby ... place in May 1780.

a) took

b) has taken

c) had taken