

Past Simple and Past Continuous

Complete the sentences using the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in parenthesis.

1. Angela _____ herself while she _____ up a tree. (**HURT, CLIMB**)
2. The police car _____ the robbers when they _____ a lamppost. (**CHASE, HIT**)
3. I _____ when there _____ a knock at the door. (**STUDY, BE**)
4. My brother _____ on the ice while he _____. (**FALL, SKATE**)
5. Margie _____ dinner when the fire alarm _____. (**HAVE, RING**)
6. Mom _____ herself while she _____ onions. (**INJURE, CUT**)
7. Dad _____ the car when a storm suddenly _____ up. (**REPAIR, COME**)
8. Mona _____ asleep while she _____ a book. (**FALL, READ**)
9. I _____ an old friend while I _____ home from the shop. (**MEET, WALK**)
10. She _____ at the ceiling when the door _____. (**STARE, OPEN**)
11. I _____ myself while I _____ milk on the stove. (**BURN, PUT**)
12. While the children _____ the weather _____ to clear up. (**REST, START**)
13. When I _____ at the station a car _____ to take me home. (**ARRIVE, WAIT**)
14. I _____ my cousin while I _____ in Paris. (**VISIT, STAY**)
15. While the pilot _____ to stabilize the plane the master alarm _____ off. (**TRY, GO**)
16. I _____ an ambulance while I _____ out of the window. (**SEE, LOOK**)
17. The children _____ a movie when their aunt _____. (**WATCH, ARRIVE**)
18. We _____ about our jobs when the phone _____. (**TALK, RING**)
19. I _____ my old friend in town the other day. He _____ to ignore me and _____ somewhere else. (**SEE, SEEM, LOOK**)

20. The teacher _____ a photo of us while we _____ up the tree. (**TAKE, CLIMB**)
21. We _____ Martha at the airport last week. She _____ for the arrival of her sister while we _____ to New York. (**MEET, WAIT, TRAVEL**)
22. "What _____ to him? – He _____ totally surprised when I _____ him." – (**YOU SAY, LOOK, SEE**)
23. He _____ exam papers when I _____ him. (**CORRECT, VISIT**)
24. A man _____ on the road while I _____ my bike. Luckily, I _____ not to crash into him. (**FALL, RIDE, MANAGE**)
25. We _____ a few miles off the coast when a horrible thunderstorm _____ up. We _____ to get to safety as soon as possible. (**SAIL, COME, HAVE**)
26. I haven't seen him for ages. When I last _____ him, he _____ for a new job. (**SEE, LOOK**)
27. While the two teams _____ up everyone _____ a flag. It _____ a very emotional moment. (**WARM, WAVE, BE**)
28. "What _____ when I _____ to your place yesterday evening?" – "I _____ the baby". (**YOU DO, COME, FEED**)
29. I _____ down a dark alley when suddenly I _____ footsteps. I _____ around and _____ that an old woman with a dog _____ me. (**WALK, HEAR, TURN, SEE, FOLLOW**)
30. "Why _____ out last night?" – "I _____ too tired and _____ to stay at home." (**YOU NOT GO, BE, DECIDE**)
31. The policeman asked me, "How fast _____ when you _____ the old lady in front of you?" (**YOU DRIVE, SEE**)
32. Mom _____ dinner when we _____ home from football practice. (**PREPARE, GET**)
33. When I _____ young, I always _____ to be a pilot. (**BE, WANT**)
34. Last Sunday afternoon I _____ for a walk in the park and _____ a cup of coffee at a local restaurant. (**GO, HAVE**)
35. When they _____ to the airport the plane _____ off. (**GET, JUST TAKE**)
36. I _____ on a bench in the park when a man _____ up to me and _____ to know what time it _____. (**SIT, COME, WANT, BE**)

37. My friend Harry _____ off the ladder while he _____ the ceiling of his room.

(FALL, PAINT)

38. We _____ the house in 2003. At that time it _____ £ 150,000. (BUY, COST)

39. Dad _____ interested in buying a new car. (NOT BE)

40. My sister _____ for me at the airport terminal when I _____. (WAIT,

ARRIVE)

41. A few nights ago, I _____ a book when suddenly I _____ a noise outside. A few teenagers _____ loud music. (READ, HEAR, PLAY)

42. The fire _____ when the first firefighters _____ at the scene. (STILL

BURN, ARRIVE)

43. My brother _____ for a job when he _____ across an interesting ad in the newspaper. (LOOK, COME)

44. I _____ someone call my name. I _____ around and _____ my dad standing at the back of the queue. I _____ so surprised. (HEAR, TURN, SAW, BE)

45. My sister _____ a bright summer dress when I _____ her at the performance. (WEAR, SEE)

46. I _____ preparing dinner at 4 pm and I _____ still at it when my wife _____ home. (START, BE, COME)

47. Our housekeeper _____ the vase. As she _____ up the pieces, she _____ her middle finger. (BREAK, PICK, CUT)

48. We suddenly _____ that we _____ in the wrong direction. (REALISE, DRIVE)

49. She _____ a great skier when she was young. (BE)

50. I _____ an old friend in town while I _____ the shopping. (MEET, DO)

51. While the children _____ with others my husband and I _____ to have a cup of coffee. (PLAY, DECIDE)

52. Magellan _____ around the world for the first time 500 years ago. (SAIL)

53. I _____ my dog for a walk in the park when suddenly another dog _____ him. (TAKE, ATTACK)

54. When I _____ back from town everyone was at home. Mum _____ homework. Dad _____ the car and my sister Julia _____ on her school project. (COME, CORRECT, WASH, WORK)