

Present & Past Simple, Continuous and Perfect

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. He _____ (break) his leg while he _____ (ski) in the Alps last winter.
2. I _____ (lose) my keys again. This is the third time it _____ (happen) this month.
3. They _____ (wait) for nearly an hour when the manager finally _____ (come) out to speak to them.
4. The company _____ (grow) rapidly since it _____ (open) its first international office.
5. I _____ (not / realise) how serious the situation was until someone _____ (explain) it to me.
6. At the moment, the government _____ (consider) several proposals, but it _____ (not / make) a final decision yet.
7. We _____ (know) that something was wrong because everyone _____ (behave) strangely.
8. She _____ (already / finish) the presentation when her colleague _____ (send) her the information she had been waiting for.
9. How many times _____ you _____ (travel) abroad since you _____ (start) working here?
10. I _____ (not / listen) to music when you came in; I _____ (try) to concentrate on my work.
11. He _____ (usually / arrive) early, but yesterday he _____ (be) almost an hour late.
12. They _____ (discuss) the problem for several weeks before they finally _____ (reach) an agreement.
13. The children _____ (play) outside when it suddenly _____ (start) to rain.
14. I _____ (just / speak) to Anna, and she says she _____ (wait) for us at the café.
15. Before she moved to London, she _____ (never / live) in a big city.
16. The manager _____ (deal) with several complaints this morning, so he _____ (not / have) time to check the report yet.
17. When I _____ (open) the door, I _____ (realise) that someone _____ (try) to break into the house.
18. He _____ (not / usually / make) mistakes, but he _____ (seem) unusually distracted today.
19. By the time we _____ (arrive) at the conference, the speaker _____ (already / give) his introduction.
20. She _____ (study) English for years, but she still _____ (find) some aspects of advanced grammar difficult.