

Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.

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)
16. I _____ for my things when I _____ someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I _____ around and _____ Judy. (turn, see)
18. She _____ a bright yellow dress when I _____ her last (wear, see)
19. We _____ to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter _____ up the pieces of glass he _____ his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we _____ the cafe and _____ good bye (leave, say)
22. I _____ the fire at six and it _____ brightly when Tom came in at seven. (light, still burn)
23. My dog _____ along quietly when Mary's Pekinese _____ him. (walk, attack)
24. When I _____ she _____ lunch. She said she always _____ lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What _____ of his last book? –I _____ it a lot (you think, like)
26. He suddenly _____ that he _____ in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He _____ guitar when someone _____ the window and _____ out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He _____ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind _____ (not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they _____ that the police _____ for them, they _____ the coats in the woods and _____ off in different directions. (know, look, hide, go)
30. When I _____ home they _____ around a fire. Jack _____ a crossword puzzle, Judy _____ and the others _____. Mother _____ at me and said : " Come and sit down" (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)

Fill in the correct form of the Present Perfect tense!

1. The earth _____ here for billions of years (**be**).
2. We _____ cards for the last few hours (**play**).
3. We _____ problems with our new car recently (**have**).
4. _____ on anything interesting lately? (**you work**)
5. Cuba _____ a socialist country since 1959 (**be**).
6. I _____ care of my neighbour's cats while they are away (**take**).
7. I _____ my car for three years (**have**).
8. _____ an important fight? (**the boxer, ever, win**)
9. John and Mary _____ with each other since the day they got married (**quarrel**).
10. It _____ hard since last night (**rain**).
11. I'm tired because I _____ well lately. (**not feel**)
12. _____ your problems? (**your parents, always, understand**)
13. The patient _____ penicillin for several days now (**take**).
14. A big earthquake _____ San Francisco since 1906. (**not hit**)
15. They _____ in San Francisco since they arrived in the USA 20 years ago. (**live**)
16. He got ill five weeks ago and _____ yet. (**not recover**)
17. Everyone in the Middle East _____ about the situation for decades (**worry**).
18. We _____ very cold weather this year (**have**).
19. Where _____ the money? (**you, hide**)
20. At last, my favourite team _____ against its most important rival (**win**).
21. I _____ for 6 years. (**marry**)
22. Dad _____ a number of jobs in the last few years (**have**).
23. The bank is still closed. It _____ yet. (**not open**)
24. Our daughter _____ lipstick since she was 16 (**wear**).
25. She is angry because her boyfriend _____ up yet and she _____ for half an hour. (**not show, wait**).
26. I'm still waiting for an answer. They _____ up their minds yet. (**not make**)
27. How many times _____ the cat today? (**Kim feed**)
28. The kids _____ on my nerves. They _____ too much noise (**get, make**).
29. My company _____ a lot of money in the last few years. They _____ hard on an important project. (**make, work**).
30. They _____ our new refrigerator yet, but they will any day now. (**not deliver**)