

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

1. George fell off the ladder while he was painting the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I was reading in bed when I suddenly heard a scream. (read, hear)
3. Were you watching TV when I phoned you? (watch, phone)
4. Ann was waiting for me when I arrived. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie was cleaning up the kitchen when John asked her to marry him. (clean, ask)
6. The house cost £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire was still burning at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother got a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus discovered America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She was not interested in the book because she did not understand it (be ,not understand)
11. Were you at school yesterday? (you be)
12. We lived in a house near the sea last summer (live)
13. She could play the piano very well when she was young (can play, be)
14. She left the office very early last night (leave).
15. I met a friend while I was doing the shopping (meet, do)
16. I was paying for my things when I heard someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I turned around and saw Judy. (turn, see)
18. She was wearing a bright yellow dress when I saw her last (wear, see)
19. We decided to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter was picking up the pieces of glass he cut his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we left the cafe and said good bye (leave, say)
22. I lit the fire at six and it was still burning brightly when Tom came in at seven. (light, burn)
23. My dog was walking along quietly when Mary's Pekinese attacked him. (walk, attack)
24. When I arrived she was having lunch. She said she always had lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What do you think of his last book? –I liked it a lot (think, like)
26. He suddenly realized that he was travelling in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He was playing guitar when someone opened the window and threw out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He did not allow us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind was blowing (not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they knew that the police were looking for them, they hid the coats in the woods and went off in different directions. (know, look, hide, go)
30. When I came home they were all sitting around a fire. Jack was doing a crossword puzzle, Judy was knitting and the others were reading. Mother smiled 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 **has been** here for billions of years (**be**).
2. We **have been playing** cards for the last few hours (**play**).
3. We **have been having / have had** problems with our new car recently (**have**).
4. **Have you been working** on anything interesting lately? (**you work**).
5. Cuba **has been** a socialist country since 1959 (**be**).
6. I **have been taking** care of my neighbour's cats while they are away (**take**).
7. I **have had** my car for three years (**have**).
8. **Has the boxer ever won** an important fight? (**the boxer, ever, win**).
9. John and Mary **have been quarrelling** with each other since the day they got married (**quarrel**).
10. It **has been raining** hard since last night (**rain**).
11. I'm tired because I **haven't been feeling** well lately. (**not feel**).
12. **Have your parents always understood** your problems? (**your parents, always, understand**).
13. The patient **has been taking** penicillin for several days now (**take**).
14. A big earthquake **has not hit** San Francisco since 1906. (**not hit**).
15. They **have been living** in San Francisco since they arrived in the USA 20 years ago. (**live**).
16. He got ill five weeks ago and **has not recovered** yet. (**not recover**).
17. Everyone in the Middle East **has been worrying** about the situation for decades (**worry**).
18. We **have had/ have been having** very cold weather this year (**have**).
19. Where **have you hidden** the money? (**you, hide**).
20. At last, my favourite team **has won** against its most important rival (**win**).
21. I **have been married** for 6 years. (**marry**).
22. Dad **has had** a number of jobs in the last few years (**have**).
23. The bank is still closed. It **hasn't opened** yet. (**not open**).
24. Our daughter **has been wearing** lipstick since she was 16 (**wear**).
25. She is angry because her boyfriend **has not shown** up yet and she **has been waiting** for half an hour. (**not show, wait**).
26. I'm still waiting for an answer. They **haven't made** up their minds yet. (**not make**).
27. How many times **has Kim fed** the cat today? (**Kim feed**).
28. The kids **have been getting** on my nerves. They **have been making** too much noise (**get, make**).
29. My company **has been making** a lot of money in the last few years. They **have been working** hard on an important project. (**make, work**).
30. They **haven't delivered** our new refrigerator yet, but they will any day now. (**not deliver**).