
Past Tense Simple and Progressive

Fill in the correct form of the past tense.

1. I _____ my old friend in town the other day. He _____ to ignore me and _____ somewhere else. **(SEE, SEEM, LOOK)**
2. The teacher _____ a photo of us while we _____ up the tree. **(TAKE, CLIMB)**
3. We _____ Martha at the airport last week. She _____ for the arrival of her sister while we _____ to New York. **(MEET, WAIT, TRAVEL)**
4. "What _____ to him? - He _____ totally surprised when I _____ him." - **(YOU SAY, LOOK, SEE)**
5. He _____ exam papers when I _____ him. **(CORRECT, VISIT)**
6. A man _____ on the road while I _____ my bike. Luckily, I _____ not to crash into him. **(FALL, RIDE, MANAGE)**
7. We _____ a few miles off the coast when a horrible thunderstorm _____ up. We _____ to get to safety as soon as possible. **(SAIL, COME, HAVE)**
8. I haven't seen him for ages. When I last _____ him, he _____ for a new job. **(SEE, LOOK)**
9. While the two teams _____ up everyone _____ a flag. It _____ a very emotional moment. **(WARM, WAVE, BE)**
10. "What _____ when I _____ to your place yesterday evening?" - "I _____ the baby". **(YOU DO, COME, FEED)**
11. 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)**
12. "Why _____ out last night?" - "I _____ too tired and _____ to stay at home." **(YOU NOT GO, BE, DECIDE)**
13. The policeman asked me, " How fast _____ when you _____ the old lady in front of you?" **(YOU DRIVE, SEE)**
14. Mom _____ dinner when we _____ home from football practice. **(PREPARE, GET)**
15. When I _____ young, I always _____ to be a pilot. **(BE, WANT)**
16. Las Sunday afternoon I _____ for a walk in the park and _____ a cup of coffee at a local restaurant. **(GO, HAVE)**
17. When the _____ to the airport the plane _____ off. **(GET, JUST TAKE)**
18. I _____ on a bench in the park when a man _____ up to me and _____ to know what time it _____. **(SIT, COME, WANT, BE)**

KEY

1. I **saw** my old friend in town the other day. He **seemed** to ignore me and **looked / was looking** somewhere else. (**SEE, SEEM, LOOK**)
2. The teacher **took** a photo of us while we **were climbing** up the tree. (**TAKE, CLIMB**)
3. We **met** Martha at the airport last week. She **was waiting** for the arrival of her sister while we **were traveling** to New York. (**MEET, WAIT, TRAVEL**)
4. "What **did you say** to him? – He **looked** totally surprised when I **saw** him. " – (**YOU SAY, LOOK, SEE**)
5. He **was correcting** exam papers when I **visited** him. (**CORRECT, VISIT**)
6. A man **fell** on the road while I **was riding** my bike. Luckily, I **managed** not to crash into him. (**FALL, RIDE, MANAGE**)
7. We **were sailing** a few miles off the coast when a horrible thunderstorm **came** up. We had to get to safety as soon as possible. (**SAIL, COME, HAVE**)
8. I haven't seen him for ages. When I last **saw** him, he **was looking** for a new job. (**SEE, LOOK**)
9. While the two teams **were warming** up everyone **was waving** a flag. It **was** a very emotional moment. (**WARM, WAVE, BE**)
10. "What **were you doing** when I **came** to your place yesterday evening?" – "I **was feeding** the baby". (**YOU DO, COME, FEED**)
11. I **was walking** down a dark alley when suddenly I **heard** footsteps. I turned around and **saw** that an old woman with a dog **was following** me. (**WALK, HEAR, TURN, SEE, FOLLOW**)
12. "Why **didn't you go** out last night?" – "I **was** too tired and **decided** to stay at home." (**YOU NOT GO, BE, DECIDE**)
13. The policeman asked me, " How fast **were you driving** when you **saw** the old lady in front of you?" (**YOU DRIVE, SEE**)
14. Mom **was preparing** dinner when we **got** home from football practice. (**PREPARE, GET**)
15. When I **was** young, I always **wanted** to be a pilot. (**BE, WANT**)
16. Last Sunday afternoon I **went** for a walk in the park and **had** a cup of coffee at a local restaurant. (**GO, HAVE**)
17. When the **got** to the airport the plane **was just taking** off. (**GET, JUST TAKE**)
18. I **was sitting** on a bench in the park when a man **came** up to me and **wanted** to know what time it **was**. (**SIT, COME, WANT, BE**)