

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS?

Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ **(MEET)** Tom when I _____ **(WORK)** in Boston.
- 2 We _____ **(GO)** to dinner and _____ **(HAVE)** a few drinks after the show.
- 3 David _____ **(THROW)** the baseball to Rachel and she _____ **(CATCH)** it.
- 4 When I first _____ **(MOVE)** to New York, I _____ **(NOT KNOW)** anyone.
- 5 I _____ **(WALK)** in the park with a friend of mine when it _____ **(START)** raining.
- 6 They think you _____ **(KILL)** John and _____ **(TAKE)** his money.
- 7 You _____ **(DIE)**, but the doctor _____ **(SAVE)** your life.
- 8 I _____ **(MISS)** the last train, so I _____ **(HAVE TO)** walk all the way home.
- 9 I _____ **(CUT)** myself with a knife while I _____ **(MAKE)** dinner.
- 10 When Mike _____ **(RETURN)** to Jane's house, she _____ **(SLEEP)**.
- 11 Nick _____ **(ENTER)** the dark room and _____ **(TURN ON)** on the lights.
- 12 Fred _____ **(WALK)** to the beautiful girl and _____ **(ASK)** her what her name was.
- 13 Bill _____ **(READ)** the sports page when Jane _____ **(COME)** into the living room.
- 14 It _____ **(HAPPEN)** while I _____ **(NOT LOOK)**.
- 15 Tom _____ **(TALK)** on the phone when Mary _____ **(WALK)** into the room.
- 16 Robert _____ **(HEAR)** a big explosion and _____ **(RUN)** outside to see what had happened.
- 17 Our family _____ **(NOT HAVE)** a dog when I _____ **(GROW UP)**.
- 18 Why _____ you _____ **(NOT TRY)** the dress on before you _____ **(BUY)** it?
- 19 Tom _____ **(NOT WEAR)** his uniform the last time I _____ **(SEE)** him.
- 20 Roger _____ **(CHOOSE)** a song from the list and _____ **(BEGIN)** singing it.

KEY

- 1 I **MET** Tom when I **WAS WORKING** in Boston.
- 2 We **WENT** to dinner and **HAD** a few drinks after the show.
- 3 David **THREW** the baseball to Rachel and she **CAUGHT** it.
- 4 When I first **MOVED** to New York, I **DIDN'T KNOW** anyone.
- 5 I **WAS WALKING** in the park with a friend of mine when it **STARTED** raining.
- 6 They think you **KILLED** John and **TOOK** his money.
- 7 You **WERE DYING**, but the doctor **SAVED** your life.
- 8 I **MISSED** the last train, so I **HAD TO** walk all the way home.
- 9 I **CUT** myself with a knife while I **WAS MAKING** dinner.
- 10 When Mike **RETURNED** to Jane's house, she **WAS SLEEPING**.
- 11 Nick **ENTERED** the dark room and **TURNED ON** the lights.
- 12 Fred **WALKED** to the beautiful girl and **ASKED** her what her name was.
- 13 Bill **WAS READING** the sports page when Jane **CAME** into the living room.
- 14 It **HAPPENED** while I **WASN'T LOOKING**.
- 15 Tom **WAS TALKING** on the phone when Mary **WALKED** into the room.
- 16 Robert **HEARD** a big explosion and **RAN** outside to see what had happened.
- 17 Our family **DIDN'T HAVE** a dog when I **WAS GROWING UP**.
- 18 Why **DIDN'T** you **TRY** the dress on before you **BOUGHT** it?
- 19 Tom **WASN'T WEARING** his uniform the last time I **SAW** him.
- 20 Roger **CHOSE** a song from the list and **BEGAN** singing it.