

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS? 2

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

- 1 Tom _____ (HEAR) a noise behind him and _____ (TURN) around.
- 2 While she _____ (STAY) in Japan, she often _____ (VISIT) Kyoto.
- 3 I _____ (BUY) a watch and I _____ (LOSE) it the next day.
- 4 He _____ (FALL) and _____ (BREAK) his arm while he _____ (SKI).
- 5 And then he _____ (MEET) a girl who _____ (CHANGE) his life forever.
- 6 Although it _____ (RAIN), we _____ (DECIDE) to take a walk.
- 7 He _____ (SIT) in the library when I _____ (SEE) him.
- 8 Jack _____ (SELL) the farm after Jill _____ (DIE) and _____ (GO) back to Boston.
- 9 I _____ (TAKE) a cooking class last spring and _____ (LEARN) to bake bread.
- 10 Harry _____ (WATCH) the news when Britney _____ (ENTER) the room.
- 11 James _____ (WASH) the apple before he _____ (EAT) it.
- 12 My uncle _____ (GO) to Mexico in 1983 and never _____ (RETURN).
- 13 Josh _____ (LOOK) at the menu and _____ (DECIDE) to order a fish dish.
- 14 Jacob _____ (STOP) laughing when he saw that Mary _____ (CRY).
- 15 George _____ (DRIVE) well over the speed limit when the accident _____ (HAPPEN).
- 16 Samuel _____ (FINISH) what he _____ (DO) and then _____ (COME) over to talk to us.
- 17 They _____ (GET) ready to go to bed when I _____ (RING) their doorbell at 11pm.
- 18 Oscar _____ (KNOW) that salads were healthy, so he _____ (EAT) at least one salad a day.
- 19 When I _____ (COME) home, my little sister _____ (PLAY) the guitar.
- 20 As soon as we _____ (SIT DOWN), she _____ (BRING) us coffee.

KEY

- 1 Tom **HEARD** a noise behind him and **TURNED** around.
- 2 While she **WAS STAYING** in Japan, she often **VISITED** Kyoto.
- 3 I **BOUGHT** a watch and I **LOST** it the next day.
- 4 He **FELL** and **BROKE** his arm while he **WAS SKIING**.
- 5 And then he **MET** a girl who **CHANGED** his life forever.
- 6 Although it **WAS RAINING**, we **DECIDED** to take a walk.
- 7 He **WAS SITTING** in the library when I **SAW** him.
- 8 Jack **SOLD** the farm after Jill **DIED** and **WENT** back to Boston.
- 9 I **TOOK** a cooking class last spring and **LEARNT / LEARNED** to bake bread.
- 10 Harry **WAS WATCHING** the news when Britney **ENTERED** the room.
- 11 James **WASHED** the apple before he **ATE** it.
- 12 My uncle **WENT** to Mexico in 1983 and never **RETURNED**.
- 13 Josh **LOOKED** at the menu and **DECIDED** to order a fish dish.
- 14 Jacob **STOPPED** laughing when he saw that Mary **WAS CRYING**.
- 15 George **WAS DRIVING** well over the speed limit when the accident **HAPPENED**.
- 16 Samuel **FINISHED** what he **WAS DOING** and then **CAME** over to talk to us.
- 17 They **WERE GETTING** ready to go to bed when I **RANG** their doorbell at 11pm.
- 18 Oscar **KNEW** that salads were healthy, so he **ATE** at least one salad a day.
- 19 When I **CAME** home, my little sister **WAS PLAYING** the guitar.
- 20 As soon as we **SAT DOWN**, she **BROUGHT** us coffee.