

Fill in the correct form of the past tense.

1. My friend Harry _____ off the ladder while he _____ the ceiling of his room. **(FALL, PAINT)**
2. We _____ the house in 2003. At that time it _____ £ 150,000. **(BUY, COST)**
3. Dad _____ interested in buying a new car. **(NOT BE)**
4. My sister _____ for me at the airport terminal when I _____. **(WAIT, ARRIVE)**
5. A few nights ago, I _____ a book when suddenly I _____ a noise outside. A few teenagers _____ loud music. **(READ, HEAR, PLAY)**
6. The fire _____ when the first firefighters _____ at the scene. **(STILL BURN, ARRIVE)**
7. My brother _____ for a job when he _____ across an interesting ad in the newspaper. **(LOOK, COME)**
8. I _____ someone call my name. I _____ around and _____ my dad standing at the back of the queue. I _____ so surprised. **(HEAR, TURN, SAW, BE)**
9. My sister _____ a bright summer dress when I _____ her at the performance. **(WEAR, SEE)**
10. I _____ preparing dinner at 4.p.m and I _____ still at it when my wife _____ home. **(START, BE, COME)**
11. Our housekeeper _____ the vase. As she _____ up the pieces, she _____ her middle finger. **(BREAK, PICK, CUT)**
12. We suddenly _____ that we _____ in the wrong direction. **(REALISE, DRIVE)**
13. She _____ a great skier when she was young. **(BE)**
14. I _____ an old friend in town while I _____ the shopping. **(MEET, DO)**
15. While the children _____ with others my husband and I _____ to have a cup of coffee. **(PLAY, DECIDE)**
16. Magellan _____ around the world for the first time 500 years ago. **(SAIL)**
17. I _____ my dog for a walk in the park when suddenly another dog _____ him. **(TAKE, ATTACK)**
18. When I _____ back from town everyone was at home. Mum _____ homework. Dad _____ the car and my sister Julia _____ on her school project. **(COME, CORRECT, WASH, WORK)**

KEY

1. My friend Harry **fell** off the ladder while he **was painting** the ceiling of his room. **(FALL, PAINT)**
2. We **bought** the house in 2003. At that time it **cost** £ 150,000. **(BUY, COST)**
3. Dad **was not** interested in buying a new car. **(NOT BE)**
4. My sister **was waiting** for me at the airport terminal when I **arrived**. **(WAIT, ARRIVE)**
5. A few nights ago, I **was reading** a book when suddenly I **heard** a noise outside. A few teenagers **were playing** loud music. **(READ, HEAR, PLAY)**
6. The fire **was still burning** when the first firefighters **arrived** at the scene. **(STILL BURN, ARRIVE)**
7. My brother **was looking** for a job when he **came** across an interesting ad in the newspaper. **(LOOK, COME)**
8. I **heard** someone call my name. I **turned** around and **saw** my dad standing at the back of the queue. I **was** so surprised. **(HEAR, TURN, SAW, BE)**
9. My sister **was wearing** a bright summer dress when I **saw** her at the performance. **(WEAR, SEE)**
10. I **started** preparing dinner at 4.p.m and I **was** still at it when my wife **came** home. **(START, BE, COME)**
11. Our housekeeper **broke** the vase. As she **was picking** up the pieces, she **cut** her middle finger. **(BREAK, PICK, CUT)**
12. We suddenly **realised** that we **were driving** in the wrong direction. **(REALISE, DRIVE)**
13. She **was** a great skier when she was young. **(BE)**
14. I **met** an old friend in town while I **was doing** the shopping. **(MEET, DO)**
15. While the children **were playing** with others my husband and I **decided** to have a cup of coffee. **(PLAY, DECIDE)**
16. Magellan **sailed** around the world for the first time 500 years ago. **(SAIL)**
17. I **was taking** my dog for a walk in the park when suddenly another dog **attacked** him. **(TAKE, ATTACK)**
18. When I **came** back from town everyone was at home. Mum **was correcting** homework. Dad **was washing** the car and my sister Julia **was working** on her school project. **(COME, CORRECT, WASH, WORK)**