

Fill in the correct form of the past tense: simple or progressive.

1. Mrs Smith \_\_\_\_\_ past the house in Sunset Street when she \_\_\_\_\_ fire on the ground floor. **(DRIVE, SEE)**
2. While he \_\_\_\_\_ off the coast the pilot \_\_\_\_\_ sharks approaching the swimmers. **(FLY, SEE)**
3. Alice \_\_\_\_\_ herself while she \_\_\_\_\_ football. **(HURT, PLAY)**
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ while she \_\_\_\_\_ after the bus. **(FALL, RUN)**
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ my wallet while I \_\_\_\_\_ my bike. **(LOSE, RIDE)**
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ dinner when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ out. **(HAVE, GO)**
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ of something else while you \_\_\_\_\_ to her. **(THINK, TALK)**
8. The fireman \_\_\_\_\_ the fire on the balcony below when he suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ someone shouting. **(FIGHT, HEAR)**
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ her while I \_\_\_\_\_ out of the window. **(SEE, LOOK)**
10. While the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ instructions, the students \_\_\_\_\_ at a spider climbing up the wall. **(GIVE, LOOK)**
11. Sally \_\_\_\_\_ dinner last night when someone \_\_\_\_\_ at the door. **(HAVE, KNOCK)**
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ to study at seven last night. Fred \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30. So I \_\_\_\_\_ when Fred \_\_\_\_\_ **(BEGIN, COME, STUDY, ARRIVE).**
13. My roommate's parents \_\_\_\_\_ him last night while \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV. **(CALL, WATCH)**
14. When my husband \_\_\_\_\_ home, I \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry. **(COME, DO)**
15. While they \_\_\_\_\_ home it \_\_\_\_\_ to rain, so they \_\_\_\_\_ at a small cafe and \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee. **(WALK, BEGIN, STOP, HAVE)**
16. When I \_\_\_\_\_ home at around 2 o'clock, Mum \_\_\_\_\_ in her garden. She \_\_\_\_\_ some flowers and dad \_\_\_\_\_ the oil of the car in the garage. **(GET, BE, PLANT, CHANGE)**

## KEY

1. Mrs Smith **was driving** past the house in Sunset Street when she saw fire on the ground floor. **(DRIVE, SEE)**
2. While he **was flying** off the coast the pilot **saw** sharks approaching the swimmers. **(FLY, SEE)**
3. Alice **hurt** herself while she **was playing** football. **(HURT, PLAY)**
4. She **fell** while she **was running** after the bus. **(FALL, RUN)**
5. I **lost** my wallet while I **was riding** my bike. **(LOSE, RIDE)**
6. We **were having** dinner when the lights **went** out. **(HAVE, GO)**
7. She **was thinking** of something else while you **were talking** to her. **(THINK, TALK)**
8. The fireman **was fighting** the fire on the balcony below when he suddenly **heard** someone shouting. **(FIGHT, HEAR)**
9. I **saw** her while I **was looking** out of the window. **(SEE, LOOK)**
10. While the teacher **was giving** instructions, the students **were looking** at a spider climbing up the wall. **(GIVE, LOOK)**
11. Sally **was having** dinner last night when someone **knocked** at the door. **(HAVE, KNOCK)**
12. I **began** to study at seven last night. Fred **came** at 7.30. So I **was studying** when Fred **arrived** **(BEGIN, COME, STUDY, ARRIVE)**.
13. My roommate's parents **called** him last night while we **were watching** TV. **(CALL, WATCH)**
14. When my husband **came** home, I **was doing** the laundry. **(COME, DO)**
15. While they **were walking** home it **began** to rain, so they **stopped** at a small cafe and **had** a cup of coffee. **(WALK, BEGIN, STOP, HAVE)**
16. When I **got** home at around 2 o'clock, Mum **was** in her garden. She **was planting** some flowers and dad **was changing** the oil of the car in the garage. **(GET, BE, PLANT, CHANGE)**