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)