

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

1. While I _____ whether to buy the CD player, a woman _____ in and _____ it. **(WONDER, COME, SNATCH)**
2. The teacher asked me, "What _____ all afternoon yesterday?" **(YOU, DO)**
3. Our neighbour's dog _____ the postman while he _____ a letter. **(ATTACK, DELIVER)**
4. The chairman _____ the conference room and _____ that everyone _____ nervously with their neighbour. **(ENTER, REALISE, CHAT)**
5. We _____ last night because our neighbours _____ loud music. **(CAN NOT SLEEP, PLAY)**
6. Why _____ the crime? **(YOU, NOT REPORT)**
7. When they _____ home, they _____ the burglars as they _____ the house. **(GET, SEE, LEAVE)**
8. The match official _____ the game because it was _____. **(POSTPONE, RAIN)**
9. I _____ on the report the whole afternoon yesterday. **(WORK)**
10. I _____ to the police office to report the break-in. **(HURRY)**
11. While Mom _____ the tree, the children _____ their favourite Christmas TV show. **(DECORATE, WATCH)**
12. As we _____ on the motorway to Cardiff, I suddenly _____ that I had left the cellar door open. **(DRIVE, REMEMBER)**
13. When I _____ Mary at the dinner party last night, she _____ a wonderful dress. **(SEE, WEAR)**
14. He _____ his leg when he _____ off the horse. **(BREAK, FALL)**
15. We _____ outside the café when, all of a sudden, we _____ an explosion. Everyone _____ what they _____ and _____ towards the crossing. **(SIT, HEAR, STOP, DO, LOOK)**
16. When I _____ up this morning, I _____ out of the window and _____ that it _____. It _____ me so happy. **(WAKE, LOOK, SEE, SNOW, MAKE)**

KEY

1. While I **was wondering** whether to buy the CD player, a woman **came** in and **snatched** it. (**WONDER, COME, SNATCH**)
2. The teacher asked me, "What **were you doing** all afternoon yesterday?" (**YOU, DO**)
3. Our neighbour's dog **attacked** the postman while he **was delivering** a letter. (**ATTACK, DELIVER**)
4. The chairman **entered** the conference room and **realised** that everyone **was chatting** nervously with their neighbour. (**ENTER, REALISE, CHAT**)
5. We **could not sleep** last night because our neighbours **were playing** loud music. (**CAN NOT SLEEP, PLAY**)
6. Why **didn't you report** the crime? (**YOU, NOT REPORT**)
7. When they **got** home, they **saw** the burglars as they **were leaving** the house. (**GET, SEE, LEAVE**)
8. The match official **postponed** the game because it **was raining** heavily. (**POSTPONE, RAIN**)
9. I **was working** on the report the whole afternoon yesterday. (**WORK**)
10. I **hurried** to the police office to report the break-in. (**HURRY**)
11. While Mom **was decorating** the tree, the children **were watching** their favourite Christmas TV show. (**DECORATE, WATCH**)
12. As we **were driving** on the motorway to Cardiff, I suddenly **remembered** that I had left the cellar door open. (**DRIVE, REMEMBER**)
13. When I **saw** Mary at the dinner party last night, she **was wearing** a wonderful dress. (**SEE, WEAR**)
14. He **broke** his leg when he **fell** off the horse. (**BREAK, FALL**)
15. We **were sitting** outside the café when, all of a sudden, we **heard** an explosion. Everyone **stopped** what they **were doing** and **looked/ were looking** towards the crossing. (**SIT, HEAR, STOP, DO, LOOK**)
16. When I **woke** up this morning, I **looked** out of the window and saw that it **was snowing**. It **made** me so happy. (**WAKE, LOOK, SEE, SNOW, MAKE**)