

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

1. While the policeman _____ out of the window, he _____ that a blue SUV _____ down the road. **(LOOK, NOTICE, PARK)**
2. I _____ on my report when the phone _____. My wife _____ to know when I _____ home. **(WORK, RING, WANT, COME)**
3. He _____ down the street when he _____ his old schoolteacher on the other side. **(WALK, SEE)**
4. During the time I _____ in South Africa I never _____ a serious crime. **(SPEND, SEE)**
5. While they _____ lunch at the new restaurant, a journalist _____ up to them and _____ to ask a few questions. **(HAVE, COME, WANT)**
6. The farmer _____ the whole neighbourhood with fruit and vegetables. **(SUPPLY)**
7. The hairdresser _____ up her shop, _____ into the car and _____ home. **(LOCK, GET, DRIVE)**
8. My brother _____ to contact me at the office, but he _____ me because I _____ lunch with a customer. **(TRY, CANNOT REACH, HAVE)**
9. Jack _____ over the carpet because he _____ attention to where he _____. **(TRIP, NOT PAY, GO)**
10. Where _____ when I _____ across you yesterday? **(YOU GO, COME)**
11. I _____ him off at the airport when the police _____ and _____ him. **(SEE, COME, ARREST)**
12. The old man _____ on the pavement, so James _____ to help him. **(FALL, STOP)**
13. How _____ your leg? – Well, I _____ on the ladder when, suddenly, I _____ my balance and _____. **(YOU BREAK, STAND, LOSE, FALL)**
14. She _____ in France at the time she _____ the bad news. **(LIVE, RECEIVE)**
15. I _____ the new Prime Minister while I _____ the press conference. **(MEET, ATTEND)**
16. While I _____ on the motorway, more and more police cars _____ in my direction. **(DRIVE, COME)**

KEY

1. While the policeman **was looking** out of the window, he **noticed** that a blue SUV **was parking** down the road. (**LOOK, NOTICE, PARK**)
2. I **was working** on my report when the phone **rang**. My wife **wanted** to know when **I was coming** home. (**WORK, RING, WANT, COME**)
3. He **was walking** down the street when he **saw** his old schoolteacher on the other side. (**WALK, SEE**)
4. During the time I **was spending** in South Africa I never **saw** a serious crime. (**SPEND, SEE**)
5. While they **were having** lunch at the new restaurant, a journalist **came** up to them and **wanted** to ask a few questions. (**HAVE, COME, WANT**)
6. The farmer **supplied** the whole neighbourhood with fruit and vegetables. (**SUPPLY**)
7. The hairdresser **locked** up her shop, **got** into the car and **drove** home. (**LOCK, GET, DRIVE**)
8. My brother **tried** to contact me at the office, but he **couldn't reach** me because I **was having** lunch with a customer. (**TRY, CANNOT REACH, HAVE**)
9. Jack **tripped** over the carpet because he **wasn't paying/ didn't pay** attention to where he **was going**. (**TRIP, NOT PAY, GO**)
10. Where **were you going** when I **came** across you yesterday? (**YOU GO, COME**)
11. I **was seeing** him off at the airport when the police **came** and **arrested** him. (**SEE, COME, ARREST**)
12. The old man **fell** on the pavement, so James **stopped** to help him. (**FALL, STOP**)
13. How **did you break** your leg? – Well, I **was standing** on the ladder when, suddenly, I **lost** my balance and **fell**. (**YOU BREAK, STAND, LOSE, FALL**)
14. She **was living** in France at the time she **received** the bad news. (**LIVE, RECEIVE**)
15. I **met** the new Prime Minister while I **was attending** the press conference. (**MEET, ATTEND**)
16. While I **was driving** on the motorway, more and more police cars **were coming** in my direction. (**DRIVE, COME**)