

**Put in the correct forms: Past Tense - Simple and Progressive**

1. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (**you, not tell**) her that I had been here before ?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**They, be able**) to solve the problem ? - I don't know. I just know that they \_\_\_\_\_ (**work**) on it all day yesterday.
3. The inspector \_\_\_\_\_ (**think**) hard about the murder when he suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (**realise**) that he \_\_\_\_\_ (**follow**) the wrong track.
4. I happened to be in London when they \_\_\_\_\_ (**repair**) London Bridge.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**You, see**) the new George Clooney film at nine p.m yesterday ? - No, at nine, I \_\_\_\_\_ (**still, work**) on the computer.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) Mrs, Carrington yesterday. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**sit**) in the train to Bristol. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**wonder**) where she \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) because she \_\_\_\_\_ (**not have**) any relatives anywhere.
7. When \_\_\_\_\_ (**they, buy**) your house ?
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) breakfast when my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (**suffer**) a heart attack.
9. What \_\_\_\_\_ (**you, do**) when I gave you a ring ?
10. Father \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) TV when he \_\_\_\_\_ (**hear**) the news.
11. The war \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) in 1939.
12. At eight o'clock, I \_\_\_\_\_ (**listen**) to the radio.
13. It was a wonderful morning. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ , and the birds \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ TV when someone \_\_\_\_\_ into our house.
15. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ while I \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone.
16. At 6 o'clock, we \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_ .

## KEY

1. Why **didn't you tell** (*you, not tell*) her that I had been here before ?
2. **Were they able** (*They, be able*) to solve the problem ? - I don't know. I just know that they **were working** (*work*) on it all day yesterday.
3. The inspector **was thinking** (*think*) hard about the murder when he suddenly **realised** (*realise*) that he **was following** (*follow*) the wrong track.
4. I happened to be in London when they **were repairing** (*repair*) London Bridge.
5. **Did you see** (*You, see*) the new George Clooney film at nine p.m yesterday ? - No, at nine, I **was still working** (*still, work*) on the computer.
6. I **saw** (*see*) Mrs, Carrington yesterday. She **was sitting** (*sit*) in the train to Bristol. I **was wondering/wondered** (*wonder*) where she **was going** (*go*) because she **did not have** (*not have*) any relatives anywhere.
7. When **did they buy** (*they, buy*) your house ?
8. He **was having breakfast** (*have*) breakfast when my mother **suffered** (*suffer*) a heart attack.
9. What **were you doing** (*you, do*) when I gave you a ring ?
10. Father **was watching** (*watch*) TV when he **heard** (*hear*) the news.
11. The war **started** (*start*) in 1939.
12. At eight o'clock, I **was listening** (*listen*) to the radio.
13. It was a wonderful morning. The sun **was shining**, and the birds **were singing**.
14. we **were watching** TV when someone **broke** into our house.
15. The baby **was crying** while I **was talking** on the phone.
16. At 6 o'clock, we **were preparing** dinner, when the doorbell **rang**.