Past Simple or Past Continuous (From Unit 3: Careful!!)

Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ring).

2. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).

3. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the post office, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some fruit at the

supermarket and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book in the park in the afternoon.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a loud noise.

5. Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the garden when Laurence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).

6. A: What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) at 3pm yesterday?

B: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean) my house.

7. Last year I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris and Rome.

8. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the door.

9. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden when he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) the money.

10. Laura \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) at 11pm last night.

11. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the road when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend.

12. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a day in December. Snow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fall),

children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing) carols and people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) their Christmas shopping.

13. My ex-boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) so annoying! He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(always / miss) the bus and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late.

14. When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call) Julie, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work).

15. Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / cry) when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?

16. When he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) home, we started to eat dinner.

17. At 10am yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a bus.

18. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) my book so much that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / notice) the train had stopped.

19. David \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study)!

20. Mr Black \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / work) in the garden at 10pm last night.