Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.

1. George _______________ off the ladder while he _______________ the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I _______________ in bed when I suddenly _______________ a scream. (read, hear)
3. _______________ TV when I _______________ you? (you watch, phone)
4. Ann _______________ for me when I _______________. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie _______________ up the kitchen when John _______________ her to marry him. (clean, ask)
6. The house _______________ £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire _______________ at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother _______________ a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus _______________ America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She _______________ not interested in the book because she _______________ it (be, not understand)
11. _______________ at school yesterday? (you be)
12. We _______________ in a house near the sea last summer (live)
13. She _______________ the piano very well when she _______________ young (can play, be)
14. She _______________ the office very early last night (leave).
15. I _______________ a friend while I _______________ the shopping (meet, do)
16. I _______________ for my things when I _______________ someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I _______________ around and _______________ Judy. (turn, see)
18. She _______________ a bright yellow dress when I _______________ her last (wear, see)
19. We _______________ to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter _______________ up the pieces of glass he _______________ his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we _______________ the cafe and _______________ good bye (leave, say)
22. I _______________ the fire at six and it _______________ brightly when Tom came in at seven. (light, still burn)
23. My dog _______________ along quietly when Mary’s Pekinese _______________ him. (walk, attack)
24. When I _______________ she _______________ lunch. She said she always _______________ lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What _______________ of his last book? –I _______________ it a lot (you think, like)
26. He suddenly _______________ that he _______________ in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He _______________ guitar when someone _______________ the window and _______________ out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He _______________ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind _______________ (not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they _______________ that the police _______________ for them, they _______________ the coats in the woods and _______________ off in different directions. (know, look, hide, go)
30. When I _______________ home they _______________ around a fire. Jack _______________ a crossword puzzle, Judy _______________ and the others _______________. Mother _______________ at me and said: “Come and sit down” (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)
Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.

1. George **fell** off the ladder while he **was painting** the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I **was reading** in bed when I suddenly **heard** a scream. (read, hear)
3. **Were you watching** TV when I **phoned** you? (watch, phone)
4. Ann **was waiting** for me when I **arrived**. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie **was cleaning** up the kitchen when John **asked** her to marry him. (clean, ask)
6. The house **cost** £150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire **was still burning** at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother **got** a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus **discovered** America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She **was not interested in** the book because she **did not understand** it (be, not understand)
11. **Were you** at school yesterday? (you be)
12. We **lived** in a house near the sea last summer (live)
13. She **could play** the piano very well when she **was young** (can play, be)
14. She **left** the office very early last night (leave).
15. I **met** a friend while I **was doing** the shopping (meet, do)
16. I **was paying** for my things when I **heard** someone call my name (pay, hear)
17. I **turned** around and **saw** Judy. (turn, see)
18. She **was wearing** a bright yellow dress when I **saw** her last (wear, see)
19. We **decided** to have a cup of tea. (decide)
20. While the waiter **was picking up** the pieces of glass he **cut** his finger (pick, cut)
21. Then we **left** the cafe and **said** good bye (leave, say)
22. I **lighted** the fire at six and it **was still burning** brightly when Tom came in at seven. (light, burn)
23. My dog **was walking along** quietly when Mary’s Pekinese **attacked** him. (walk, attack)
24. When I **arrived** she **was having lunch**. She said she always **had** lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)
25. What **do you think** of his last book? – I **liked** it a lot (think, like)
26. He suddenly **realized** that he **was travelling** in the wrong direction. (realize, travel)
27. He **was playing guitar** when someone **opened** the window and **threw** out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)
28. He **did not allow** us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind **was blowing** (not allow, blow)
29. The next day, as they **knew** that the police **were looking** for them, they **hid** the coats in the woods and **went off** in different directions. (know, look, hide, go)
30. When I **came home** they **were all sitting** around a fire. Jack **was doing a** crossword puzzle, Judy **was knitting** and the others **were reading**. Mother **smiled** at me and said: “Come and sit down” (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)