

**Fill in the correct form of the past tense.**

1. My friend Harry \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling of his room. **(FALL, PAINT)**
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ the house in 2003. At that time it \_\_\_\_\_ £ 150,000. **(BUY, COST)**
3. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ interested in buying a new car. **(NOT BE)**
4. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ for me at the airport terminal when I \_\_\_\_\_. **(WAIT, ARRIVE)**
5. A few nights ago, I \_\_\_\_\_ a book when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ a noise outside. A few teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ loud music. **(READ, HEAR, PLAY)**
6. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ when the first firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ at the scene. **(STILL BURN, ARRIVE)**
7. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ for a job when he \_\_\_\_\_ across an interesting ad in the newspaper. **(LOOK, COME)**
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ someone call my name. I \_\_\_\_\_ around and \_\_\_\_\_ my dad standing at the back of the queue. I \_\_\_\_\_ so surprised. **(HEAR, TURN, SAW, BE)**
9. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a bright summer dress when I \_\_\_\_\_ her at the performance. **(WEAR, SEE)**
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ preparing dinner at 4.p.m and I \_\_\_\_\_ still at it when my wife \_\_\_\_\_ home. **(START, BE, COME)**
11. Our housekeeper \_\_\_\_\_ the vase. As she \_\_\_\_\_ up the pieces, she \_\_\_\_\_ her middle finger. **(BREAK, PICK, CUT)**
12. We suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ that we \_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong direction. **(REALISE, DRIVE)**
13. She \_\_\_\_\_ a great skier when she was young. **(BE)**
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ an old friend in town while I \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping. **(MEET, DO)**
15. While the children \_\_\_\_\_ with others my husband and I \_\_\_\_\_ to have a cup of coffee. **(PLAY, DECIDE)**
16. Magellan \_\_\_\_\_ around the world for the first time 500 years ago. **(SAIL)**
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for a walk in the park when suddenly another dog \_\_\_\_\_ him. **(TAKE, ATTACK)**
18. When I \_\_\_\_\_ back from town everyone was at home. Mum \_\_\_\_\_ homework. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ the car and my sister Julia \_\_\_\_\_ on her school project. **(COME, CORRECT, WASH, WORK)**

## KEY

1. My friend Harry **fell** off the ladder while he **was painting** the ceiling of his room. (**FALL, PAINT**)
2. We **bought** the house in 2003. At that time it **cost** £ 150,000. (**BUY, COST**)
3. Dad **was not** interested in buying a new car. (**NOT BE**)
4. My sister **was waiting** for me at the airport terminal when I **arrived**. (**WAIT, ARRIVE**)
5. A few nights ago, I **was reading** a book when suddenly I **heard** a noise outside. A few teenagers **were playing** loud music. (**READ, HEAR, PLAY**)
6. The fire **was still burning** when the first firefighters **arrived** at the scene. (**STILL BURN, ARRIVE**)
7. My brother **was looking** for a job when he **came** across an interesting ad in the newspaper. (**LOOK, COME**)
8. I **heard** someone call my name. I **turned** around and **saw** my dad standing at the back of the queue. I **was** so surprised. (**HEAR, TURN, SAW, BE**)
9. My sister **was wearing** a bright summer dress when I **saw** her at the performance. (**WEAR, SEE**)
10. I **started** preparing dinner at 4.p.m and I **was** still at it when my wife **came** home. (**START, BE, COME**)
11. Our housekeeper **broke** the vase. As she **was picking** up the pieces, she **cut** her middle finger. (**BREAK, PICK, CUT**)
12. We suddenly **realised** that we **were driving** in the wrong direction. (**REALISE, DRIVE**)
13. She **was** a great skier when she was young. (**BE**)
14. I **met** an old friend in town while I **was doing** the shopping. (**MEET, DO**)
15. While the children **were playing** with others my husband and I **decided** to have a cup of coffee. (**PLAY, DECIDE**)
16. Magellan **sailed** around the world for the first time 500 years ago. (**SAIL**)
17. I **was taking** my dog for a walk in the park when suddenly another dog **attacked** him. (**TAKE, ATTACK**)
18. When I **came** back from town everyone was at home. Mum **was correcting** homework. Dad **was washing** the car and my sister Julia **was working** on her school project. (**COME, CORRECT, WASH, WORK**)