Fill In The Blanks using **Simple Past Tense** or **Past Continuous Tense** .

1) The children _____ **(play)** in the sandbox while the adults were talking.

2) The cat _____ **(sleep)** on the couch when the doorbell rang.

3) I _____ **(buy)** a new phone last weekend.

4) Some guests _____ **(arrive)** at the party when we were still setting up.

5) The students _____ **(ask)** questions during the lecture last week.

6) The woman _____ **(wear)** a red dress while the man was in a suit.

7) She _____ **(not / sleep)** when her phone rang.

8) The baby _____ **(laugh)** while the mother was singing.

9) I _____ **(wake)** up early this morning.

10) The man _____ **(buy)** a new phone last week.

11) They _____ **(not / work)** when the manager came in.

12) She _____ **(not / understand)** the message when I sent it.

13) They _____ **(look)** at the stars while we were sitting on the ground.

14) The boy _____ **(run)** to school when it started to rain.

15) The workers _____ **(plant)** trees last spring.

16) Those kids _____ **(watch)** a movie when the lights went out.

17) I _____ **(make)** breakfast when the phone rang.

18) He _____ **(not / drive)** to work when the accident happened.

19) They _____ **(work)** in the garden when it started to rain.

20) She _____ **(not / answer)** her email yesterday.

21) The children _____ **(jump)** on the trampoline yesterday.

22) She _____ **(walk)** to school when it started snowing.

23) The workers _____ **(repair)** the road while the traffic was being redirected.

24) The children _____ **(play)** soccer when I walked by.

25) They _____ **(not / understand)** the instructions when the teacher explained.

Answer Sheet (C4FA3)

Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Beginner Level: Fill In The Blanks Quiz 3

1) were playing

2) was sleeping

3) bought

4) were arriving

5) asked

6) was wearing

7) wasn't sleeping

8) was laughing

9) woke

10) bought

11) weren't working

12) didn't understand

13) were looking

14) was running

15) planted

16) were watching

17) was making

18) wasn't driving

19) were working

20) didn't answer

21) jumped

22) was walking

23) were repairing

24) were playing

25) didn't understand

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