

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

- 1) The scientists _____ (**study**) the effects of the chemicals when the results were published.
- 2) The cashier _____ (**scan**) the items when the system froze.
- 3) The politician _____ (**introduce**) a new bill aimed at reforming healthcare policy last year.
- 4) The team _____ (**organize**) a charity event last month.
- 5) The company _____ (**open**) a new branch last month.
- 6) Two researchers _____ (**record**) the data when the lights flickered.
- 7) The tourists _____ (**explore**) the city when the weather turned cold last Saturday.
- 8) The lawyers _____ (**prepare**) for the trial when the client gave a new statement.
- 9) The engineers _____ (**finish**) the testing phase last Thursday.
- 10) The volunteers _____ (**distribute**) the leaflets last month.
- 11) The artists _____ (**create**) new sculptures as the gallery opened.
- 12) The teachers _____ (**prepare**) for the class while the curriculum was revised.
- 13) The manager _____ (**review**) the report when the meeting began last Friday.
- 14) The driver _____ (**swerve**) suddenly when the animal appeared on the road.
- 15) The diplomat _____ (**negotiate**) a treaty that ended a decades-long conflict between two nations.
- 16) The doctors _____ (**perform**) the surgery last Tuesday.
- 17) The consultant _____ (**advise**) the company on strategic matters.
- 18) The manager _____ (**review**) the performance reports at the time of the meeting.
- 19) These engineers _____ (**work**) on the prototype at 11 a.m. yesterday.
- 20) The staff _____ (**arrive**) at the office earlier than usual yesterday.
- 21) The specialists _____ (**investigate**) the case when the suspect gave a confession.
- 22) The factory workers _____ (**assemble**) the parts when a supervisor arrived.
- 23) The managers _____ (**fire**) the employee last Monday.
- 24) The players _____ (**train**) when the equipment malfunctioned.
- 25) The students _____ (**work**) on their final projects all night before the deadline.

Answer Sheet (C4FC8)

Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Advanced Level: Fill In The Blanks Quiz 8

- 1) were studying
- 2) was scanning
- 3) introduced
- 4) organized
- 5) opened
- 6) were recording
- 7) were exploring
- 8) were preparing
- 9) finished
- 10) distributed
- 11) were creating
- 12) were preparing
- 13) was reviewing
- 14) swerved
- 15) negotiated
- 16) performed
- 17) advised
- 18) was reviewing
- 19) were working
- 20) arrived
- 21) were investigating
- 22) were assembling
- 23) fired
- 24) were training
- 25) were working



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