

Choose the option that completes the sentence by using **Simple Past Tense** or **Past Continuous Tense**.

- 1) He \_\_\_\_\_ to music while doing his homework.  
A) listened                      B) were listening                      C) was listening                      D) listens
- 2) We \_\_\_\_\_ about the weather when the power went out.  
A) was talking                      B) talks                      C) talked                      D) were talking
- 3) They \_\_\_\_\_ the answer until I showed them.  
A) didn't know                      B) wasn't knowing                      C) weren't knowing                      D) didn't knowing
- 4) The children \_\_\_\_\_ in the yard when the parents called them inside.  
A) was playing                      B) played                      C) playing                      D) were playing
- 5) She \_\_\_\_\_ her homework before the teacher arrived.  
A) finished                      B) was finishing                      C) finishes                      D) were finishing
- 6) He \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager when I walked into the office.  
A) was talking                      B) talked                      C) were talking                      D) talks
- 7) They \_\_\_\_\_ the plans when the boss walked in.  
A) discussed                      B) discusses                      C) were discussing                      D) was discussing
- 8) The students \_\_\_\_\_ their books when the teacher entered.  
A) were reading                      B) was reading                      C) reads                      D) read
- 9) The students \_\_\_\_\_ for the test during the week.  
A) prepares                      B) were preparing                      C) was preparing                      D) prepared
- 10) The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ dinner while the guests were waiting.  
A) were serving                      B) served                      C) was serving                      D) serves
- 11) They \_\_\_\_\_ when their friend called them.  
A) were studying                      B) studied                      C) studies                      D) was studying
- 12) He \_\_\_\_\_ at the library while I was at home.  
A) studied                      B) were studying                      C) studies                      D) was studying
- 13) I \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother last weekend.  
A) visited                      B) was visiting                      C) were visiting                      D) visiting
- 14) She \_\_\_\_\_ in the park when she saw the dog.  
A) were running                      B) ran                      C) runs                      D) was running
- 15) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ when I came home.  
A) cooked                      B) were cooking                      C) was cooking                      D) cooking

# Answer Sheet (C4MA1)

## Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Beginner Level: Multiple Choice Quiz 1

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- 1) C) was listening
- 2) D) were talking
- 3) A) didn't know
- 4) D) were playing
- 5) A) finished
- 6) A) was talking
- 7) C) were discussing
- 8) A) were reading
- 9) B) were preparing
- 10) C) was serving
- 11) A) were studying
- 12) D) was studying
- 13) A) visited
- 14) D) was running
- 15) C) was cooking



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