

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

- 1) The restaurateur _____ a new dining establishment that quickly became a culinary hotspot.
A) were opening B) opened C) opening D) was opening
- 2) The students _____ their notes before the professor entered the room.
A) reviewing B) reviewed C) were reviewing D) was reviewing
- 3) The mechanic _____ the engine before the customer returned.
A) fixing B) were fixing C) was fixing D) fixed
- 4) The authors _____ their new book last summer.
A) released B) releasing C) was releasing D) were releasing
- 5) The chefs _____ a five-course meal for the guests last night.
A) preparing B) prepared C) was preparing D) were preparing
- 6) The employees _____ on the report while the CEO was traveling.
A) working B) were working C) was working D) worked
- 7) The company _____ the software when the new feature was proposed.
A) was developing B) developed C) were developing D) develops
- 8) The president _____ the bill into law yesterday.
A) was signing B) signed C) were signing D) signing
- 9) The marketer _____ the ad campaign when the CEO intervened.
A) creates B) created C) was creating D) were creating
- 10) The researchers _____ the experiment last year.
A) was conducting B) conducted C) conducts D) were conducting
- 11) The chef _____ dinner when the delivery arrived late last night.
A) prepared B) were preparing C) was preparing D) preparing
- 12) The company _____ new employees when the CEO arrived.
A) were hiring B) hired C) hiring D) was hiring
- 13) The team _____ the report when I entered the room.
A) was discussing B) were discussing C) discussed D) discussing
- 14) The workers _____ the construction on time last year.
A) finished B) were finishing C) was finishing D) finishes
- 15) They _____ a discussion during the lunch break yesterday.
A) were having B) has C) had D) was having

Answer Sheet (C4MC4)

Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Advanced Level: Multiple Choice Quiz 4

- 1) B) opened
- 2) B) reviewed
- 3) D) fixed
- 4) A) released
- 5) B) prepared
- 6) B) were working
- 7) A) was developing
- 8) B) signed
- 9) C) was creating
- 10) B) conducted
- 11) C) was preparing
- 12) D) was hiring
- 13) A) was discussing
- 14) A) finished
- 15) C) had



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