

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

- 1) The staff _____ up the event when the guests arrived.
A) set B) sets C) were setting D) was setting
- 2) The volunteers _____ organize the event last spring.
A) was helping B) helps C) helped D) were helping
- 3) The guests _____ the party after the cake was served last night.
A) leaves B) were leaving C) left D) was leaving
- 4) The project team _____ the report before the presentation.
A) were completing B) was completing C) completed D) completes
- 5) The committee _____ the changes without hesitation.
A) approving B) were approving C) approved D) was approving
- 6) The attorney _____ a complex case in the Supreme Court last month.
A) arguing B) was arguing C) argued D) were arguing
- 7) The researchers _____ measurements while the machine was running.
A) took B) was taking C) were taking D) takes
- 8) The intern _____ the procedure when the call started.
A) wasn't understanding B) didn't understanding C) weren't understanding D) didn't understand
- 9) The singer _____ on stage when the microphone malfunctioned.
A) performed B) was performing C) were performing D) performing
- 10) The researchers _____ the experiment last summer.
A) was conducting B) were conducting C) conducted D) conducts
- 11) The company _____ a new website last month.
A) launched B) launches C) was launching D) were launching
- 12) The firefighter _____ to the emergency when the fire spread.
A) responded B) were responding C) was responding D) responds
- 13) The project _____ a lot of resources last year.
A) were requiring B) was requiring C) required D) requires
- 14) A pair of tourists _____ lost in the museum last Friday.
A) was getting B) gets C) got D) were getting
- 15) The technician _____ the equipment during the outage.
A) were repairing B) was repairing C) repaired D) repairs

Answer Sheet (C4MC8)

Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Advanced Level: Multiple Choice Quiz 8

- 1) D) was setting
- 2) C) helped
- 3) C) left
- 4) C) completed
- 5) C) approved
- 6) C) argued
- 7) A) took
- 8) A) wasn't understanding
- 9) B) was performing
- 10) C) conducted
- 11) A) launched
- 12) C) was responding
- 13) C) required
- 14) C) got
- 15) B) was repairing



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