

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

- 1) The contractors \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation as the architect proposed adjustments.  
A) laid                                      B) laying                                      C) was laying                                      D) were laying
- 2) The children \_\_\_\_\_ pictures when the teacher entered the classroom.  
A) drawn                                      B) drew                                      C) was drawing                                      D) were drawing
- 3) Her cousin \_\_\_\_\_ a formal presentation when the projector failed.  
A) prepared                                      B) was preparing                                      C) prepares                                      D) were preparing
- 4) The librarian \_\_\_\_\_ the doors at 8 p.m. yesterday.  
A) wasn't locking                                      B) didn't locked                                      C) didn't lock                                      D) weren't locking
- 5) The child \_\_\_\_\_ when the balloon popped.  
A) cried                                      B) were crying                                      C) crying                                      D) was crying
- 6) The clients \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting last week.  
A) attended                                      B) was attending                                      C) were attending                                      D) attends
- 7) The school \_\_\_\_\_ the annual sports event last year.  
A) was hosting                                      B) hosted                                      C) were hosting                                      D) hosting
- 8) The players \_\_\_\_\_ hard before the match yesterday.  
A) trains                                      B) trained                                      C) was training                                      D) were training
- 9) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ a new project last Monday.  
A) assigned                                      B) was assigning                                      C) assigning                                      D) were assigning
- 10) The engineers \_\_\_\_\_ the new software last year.  
A) developed                                      B) were developing                                      C) was developing                                      D) developing
- 11) The doctors \_\_\_\_\_ surgery when the emergency call came in last Wednesday.  
A) were performing                                      B) was performing                                      C) performed                                      D) performs
- 12) A group of hikers \_\_\_\_\_ the summit before the storm began.  
A) reached                                      B) was reaching                                      C) were reaching                                      D) reaching
- 13) The students \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam before the holiday break.  
A) studied                                      B) were studying                                      C) studying                                      D) was studying
- 14) The supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the report before the meeting started.  
A) wasn't receiving                                      B) didn't receives                                      C) didn't receive                                      D) weren't receiving
- 15) The librarian \_\_\_\_\_ the books when the fire alarm went off.  
A) organizes                                      B) were organizing                                      C) was organizing                                      D) organized

# Answer Sheet (C4MC9)

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- 1) D) were laying
- 2) D) were drawing
- 3) B) was preparing
- 4) C) didn't lock
- 5) D) was crying
- 6) A) attended
- 7) B) hosted
- 8) B) trained
- 9) A) assigned
- 10) A) developed
- 11) A) were performing
- 12) A) reached
- 13) A) studied
- 14) C) didn't receive
- 15) C) was organizing



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