

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

- 1) **The family _____ dinner when the phone rang.**
A) was having B) had C) has D) were having
- 2) **The actor _____ in front of a large crowd when the power failed.**
A) performing B) were performing C) was performing D) performed
- 3) **A woman _____ groceries when she dropped her bag.**
A) was carrying B) carried C) carries D) were carrying
- 4) **The gardeners _____ new flowers when it started to rain.**
A) planting B) were planting C) was planting D) planted
- 5) **The teacher _____ instructions when the power went out.**
A) was giving B) were giving C) gave D) given
- 6) **Several workers _____ the roof when the storm began.**
A) repairing B) were repairing C) was repairing D) repaired
- 7) **The manager _____ a new decision during the meeting.**
A) were announcing B) announced C) announcing D) was announcing
- 8) **The team _____ their victory when they heard the news.**
A) celebrated B) were celebrating C) celebrates D) was celebrating
- 9) **The workers _____ early enough to finish the task by the deadline.**
A) wasn't arriving B) weren't arriving C) didn't arrive D) didn't arriving
- 10) **A student _____ a question when the teacher began explaining the new topic.**
A) was asking B) asked C) asks D) were asking
- 11) **The students _____ the book when the bell rang.**
A) was reading B) were reading C) reads D) read
- 12) **The children _____ outside when it began to snow.**
A) played B) was playing C) plays D) were playing
- 13) **The team _____ for the match when it started to rain.**
A) practicing B) were practicing C) was practicing D) practiced
- 14) **The workers _____ the new machine when it broke.**
A) assembled B) was assembling C) assembles D) were assembling
- 15) **The children _____ outside while their parents were cooking dinner.**
A) playing B) played C) was playing D) were playing

Answer Sheet (C4MB4)

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- 1) A) was having
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