

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

- 1) **The workers \_\_\_\_\_ the machine when the power went out.**  
A) was repairing      B) were repairing      C) repairs      D) repaired
- 2) **The chef \_\_\_\_\_ dinner when the guest arrived unexpectedly.**  
A) was preparing      B) prepared      C) preparing      D) were preparing
- 3) **The students \_\_\_\_\_ to the announcement when the principal entered.**  
A) weren't listening      B) didn't listen      C) wasn't listening      D) didn't listens
- 4) **The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the lesson when the bell rang.**  
A) wasn't explaining      B) didn't explain      C) weren't explaining      D) didn't explaining
- 5) **The student \_\_\_\_\_ for hours when the friends called.**  
A) was studying      B) were studying      C) studies      D) studied
- 6) **Two chefs \_\_\_\_\_ dinner while the customers were arriving.**  
A) were preparing      B) preparing      C) prepared      D) was preparing
- 7) **A group of tourists \_\_\_\_\_ the city when they got lost.**  
A) were exploring      B) was exploring      C) exploring      D) explored
- 8) **A group of students \_\_\_\_\_ the project when the teacher entered.**  
A) discussing      B) discussed      C) were discussing      D) was discussing
- 9) **The workers \_\_\_\_\_ about the new plan while the manager was giving instructions.**  
A) was talking      B) talking      C) were talking      D) talked
- 10) **A dog \_\_\_\_\_ a ball when it ran into a bush.**  
A) chased      B) were chasing      C) was chasing      D) chasing
- 11) **The police \_\_\_\_\_ the area when the suspect was spotted.**  
A) monitored      B) were monitoring      C) was monitoring      D) monitoring
- 12) **The students \_\_\_\_\_ early at the exam hall.**  
A) was arriving      B) arrived      C) were arriving      D) arrives
- 13) **The family \_\_\_\_\_ their vacation while the travel agent was finalizing the bookings.**  
A) were planning      B) planned      C) was planning      D) plans
- 14) **Several people \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting when the discussion started.**  
A) attends      B) was attending      C) were attending      D) attended
- 15) **The children \_\_\_\_\_ for their parents when the bus arrived.**  
A) were waiting      B) waited      C) was waiting      D) waits

# Answer Sheet (C4MB7)

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- 1) B) were repairing
- 2) A) was preparing
- 3) A) weren't listening
- 4) A) wasn't explaining
- 5) A) was studying
- 6) A) were preparing
- 7) B) was exploring
- 8) D) was discussing
- 9) C) were talking
- 10) C) was chasing
- 11) B) were monitoring
- 12) B) arrived
- 13) C) was planning
- 14) C) were attending
- 15) A) were waiting



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