

Tense revision: present and past

Put the verb in the correct form: present simple, present continuous, past simple, past continuous, past perfect or present perfect.

1. Who _____ the bicycle? (invent)
2. Do you still have a headache? -No, it _____ (go). I'm all right now.
3. I was the last to leave the office. Everybody else _____ (go) out.
4. What's that noise? What _____ (happen)?
5. It's usually dry here at this time of the year. It _____ (not/rain) much.
6. I like your car. How long _____ (you/have) it?
7. I _____ (buy) a new jacket last week, but I _____ (not / wear) it yet.
8. A few days ago I _____ (see) a man whose face _____ (be) familiar. At first I couldn't think where I _____ (see) him before. Then suddenly I _____ (remember) who it _____ (be).
9. _____ (you/arrive) at the theatre on time for the play last night?
-No, we were late. By the time we _____ (get) there, the play _____ (already/ start).
10. Mary usually _____ (phone) me on Fridays but she _____ (not/phone) me last Friday.
11. Yesterday afternoon Sharon _____ (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she _____ (get) there, Paul _____ (already/wait) for her. His train _____ (arrive) early.
12. When I _____ (get) home last night, Bill _____ (lie) on the sofa. The television was on but he _____ (not/watch) it. He _____ (fall) asleep and _____ (snore) loudly. I _____ (turn) the TV off and just then he _____ (wake) up.
13. We often _____ (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we _____ (not/grow) any.
14. Ron is in London at the moment. He _____ (stay) at the Park Hotel. He _____ (always/stay) there when he is in London.
15. Last night I _____ (just/go) to bed and _____ (read) a book when suddenly I _____ (hear) a noise. I _____ (get) up to see what it was but I _____ (not/see) anything, so I _____ (go) back to bed.
16. Mary had to go to New York last week, but she almost _____ (miss) the plane. She _____ (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly _____ (realise) that she _____ (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately, she _____ (not/live) very far from the airport, so she _____ (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She _____ (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.
17. I _____ (meet) George and Linda yesterday as I _____ (walk) through the park. They _____ (be) to the Sports Centre where they _____ (play) tennis. They _____ (go) to a café for a drink and _____ (invite) me to join them but I _____ (arrange) to meet a friend and _____ (not/have) time.