

Past Continuous / Practice Test

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Choose the option that best completes each item.

1. She _____ the radio at 7 PM yesterday.
a) not listening to b) not listening to c) wasn't listening to
2. While the children _____ in the garden, it started raining.
a) were playing b) playing c) played
3. They _____ their lunch at the restaurant when the power went out.
a) were eating b) not eating c) didn't eat
4. _____ you _____ the newspaper when the phone rang?
a) Were / reading b) Did / read c) Were / read
5. _____ she _____ to her favorite song when the guests arrived?
a) Was / dance b) Was / dancing c) Did / dancing
6. While the teacher _____ the lesson, the students were taking notes.
a) was explained b) not explaining c) was explaining
7. I _____ the kitchen when the smoke detector went off.
a) was cleaning b) were not cleaning c) didn't cleaned
8. _____ he _____ in the garden at noon?
a) Was / working b) Did / working c) Was / work
9. What _____ you _____ in the park yesterday afternoon?
a) were / doing b) were / do c) did / doing
10. While the children _____ in the pool, their parents were preparing lunch.
a) was swam b) not swimming c) were swimming
11. _____ he _____ when the accident happened?
a) Was / driving b) Was / drove c) Does / drove
12. She _____ her homework when her friend called.
a) was doing b) was not do c) didn't doing
13. What _____ when the lights went out?
a) were you doing b) did you doing c) were you do

14. The kids _____ a sandcastle on the beach.
a) building b) not building c) were building
15. She _____ her favorite song when her phone rang.
a) was singing b) not singing c) didn't sing
16. I _____ my bike, it was raining.
a) rode b) was not riding c) was rode
17. While they _____ the dishes, I was cleaning the kitchen.
a) were washed b) not washing c) were washing
18. _____ he _____ the book at that time?
a) Did / reading b) Was / reading c) Were / read
19. She _____ her room when she found her lost keys.
a) clean b) not cleaning c) was cleaning
20. What _____ in the park when the thunderstorm started?
a) were you doing b) did you doing c) were you do
21. They _____ a cake for the party.
a) did baked b) not baking c) were baking
22. While he _____ to the radio, I was watching TV.
a) did listened b) not listening c) was listening
23. The kids _____ in the garden when the sun set.
a) was played b) not playing c) were playing
24. _____ he _____ in the kitchen when the alarm went off?
a) Was / cooking b) Did / cooked c) Were / cook
25. While they _____ at the museum, I was shopping at the mall.
a) were looking b) not looking c) were looked

Answer Key:

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. a
5. b
6. c
7. a
8. a
9. a
10. c
11. a
12. a
13. a
14. c
15. a
16. b
17. c
18. b
19. c
20. a
21. c
22. c
23. c
24. a
25. a