



## Worksheet: Past Tense Practice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions:

Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Choose between the simple past, past continuous, or past perfect tense.

### Rules Reminder:

- **Simple Past:** For completed actions in the past. (e.g., *I walked to school.*)
- **Past Continuous:** For an ongoing action in the past, often interrupted by another event. (e.g., *I was walking when the phone rang.*)
- **Past Perfect:** For an action that happened before another action in the past. (e.g., *He had finished his homework before he went to bed.*)

### Practice Questions:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book when the lights went out.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her homework before dinner.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema last night.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) pizza while my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for his test all morning.
6. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) when we left the house.
7. By the time he arrived, we \_\_\_\_\_ (already/leave).
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the park and saw my friend.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around Europe for a year.
10. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (just/leave) when we got to the station.
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) his car when the rain started.
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) the movie before.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) soccer in the park all afternoon.
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/speak) to him for a long time.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone when the doorbell rang.
16. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for hours before the exam.
17. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (bake) a cake for my birthday last week.
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) breakfast before he left.

19. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus when we saw the accident.

20. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter to my friend last night.

21. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ (already/begin) when they arrived.

22. She \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when I called her.

23. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden yesterday.

24. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the company for ten years before he retired.

25. By the time I arrived, the party \_\_\_\_\_ (end).

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### Answer Key

1. was reading
2. had finished
3. went
4. was eating / were watching
5. was studying
6. was shining
7. had already left
8. walked
9. was traveling
10. had just left
11. was driving
12. had not seen
13. were playing
14. had not spoken
15. was talking
16. had studied
17. baked
18. had not eaten
19. were waiting
20. wrote
21. had already begun
22. was sleeping
23. were playing
24. had worked
25. had ended