

PAST TENSES

GAP FILLING

[Exercise 1]

Complete the gaps with **Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, or Past Perfect Continuous.**

Example:

Harry _____ in Lisbon five years ago. (*live*)

Answer:

Harry *lived* in Lisbon five years ago.

- William _____ me that he _____ his wallet at home. (*tell / forget*)
- The children _____ sad because they _____ their ball. (*be / lose*)
- Lily _____ her favorite movie when somebody _____ the light. (*watch / turn off*)
- Kevin _____ for work until he _____ his car keys. (*not leave / find*)
- The vacuum cleaner _____ while I _____ the floor. (*break down / vacuum*)
- They _____ to fix the car for several hours before they finally _____ what was the problem. (*try / understand*)
- We _____ a cake as it _____ Sam's birthday. (*make / be*)

8. The match _____ by the time my friends _____
to the stadium. **(start / get)**
9. I _____ for five hours before I _____
my destination. **(drive / reach)**
10. Amelia and Steven _____ for months and _____
really fit. **(train / be)**
11. She _____ at 6 o'clock last night. **(study)**
12. I _____ in Milan last week. **(arrive)**
13. Rachel _____ to the kitchen, _____ the light
and _____ a cup of coffee. **(go / turn on / make)**
14. They _____ their room by five o'clock. **(tidy)**
15. Tim _____ while his brothers _____
a sandcastle. **(sunbath / build)**

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1. told / had forgotten.
2. were / had lost.
3. was watching / turned off.
4. didn't leave / had found.
5. broke down / was vacuuming.
6. had been trying / understood.
7. were making / was.
8. had started / got.
9. had been driving / reached.
10. had been training / were.
11. was studying.
12. arrived.
13. went / turned on / made.
14. had tidied.
15. was sunbathing / were building.