

## ASV I – Week 18 – Past Simple & Past Progressive

### 1. Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. John ..... (come) home, ..... (open) the fridge, ..... (make) himself a snack, and ..... (go) straight to bed.
2. When John ..... (come) home, Mandy ..... (prepare) dinner.
3. We ..... (watch) TV when suddenly all lights ..... (go out).
4. Just as we ..... (drive) past the police station, one of the tires on our car ..... (burst) and we ..... (crashed) into one of their parked cars.
5. I ..... (listen) to my favorite band, so I ..... (not hear) the phone.
6. He ..... (tell) me that he ..... (think) of selling the house and moving to Sydney.
7. Who ..... (be) that blonde you ..... (talk) to when I ..... (pass) you in the street?
8. Mary ..... (tell) about her car accident when a tree branch ..... (break) the living room window.
9. When the bell ..... (ring), Mike ..... (write) a difficult sentence on the blackboard.
10. Lucy ..... (meet) a lot of friendly people while she ..... (work) in Slovenia.
11. When she ..... (leave) the museum, the sun ..... (shine).
12. The prisoners ..... (play) cards when the warden ..... (come) in.
13. John ..... (break) his leg while he ..... (snowboard).
14. She ..... (listen) to the radio while she ..... (prepare) dinner.
15. Last evening, while I ..... (do) my math homework, Monica ..... (call). She said she ..... (call) me about our biology assignment.

### 2. Complete the sentences with the correct tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Farmers, as we all (1) ..... (know), have been having a hard time of it in Britain lately, and have turned to new ways of earning income from their land. This (2) ..... (involve) not only planting new kinds of crops, but some strange ways of

making money, the most unusual of which has got to be sheep racing. Yes, you (3).....  
..... (hear) me correctly! A farmer in the West of England now (4).....  
(hold) sheep races on a regular basis, and during the past year over 100 000 people (5).....  
..... (turn up) to watch the proceedings. 'I (6)..... (pass) the  
farm on my way to the sea for a holiday,' one punter (7) ..... (tell) me,  
'and I (8)..... (think) I'd have a look. I (9)..... (not believe) it  
was serious, to tell you the truth.' According to a regular visitor, betting on sheep is more  
interesting than betting on horses. 'At proper horse races everyone (10) .....  
(study) the form of the horses in advance, and there are clear favorites. But nobody has heard  
anything about these sheep! Most people (11)..... (find) it difficult to tell one from  
another in any case.' I (12)..... (stay) to watch the races, and I must admit that  
I (13)..... (find) it quite exciting. In a typical race, half a dozen sheep (14).....  
..... (race) downhill over a course of about half a mile. Food (15).....  
..... (wait) for them at the other end of the track, I ought to add! The sheep (16)  
..... (run) surprisingly fast, although presumably they haven't eaten for a  
while just to give them some motivation. At any rate, the crowd around me (17) .....  
..... (obviously enjoy) their day out at the races, judging by their happy  
faces and the sense of excitement.