Past simple, continuous and perfect

Tres tiempos en pequeños relatos: verbos regulares

Usa el verbo de la primera frase. Cuenta los hechos en orden con past simple: opened. Muestra acciones en curso con was o were + -ing: was opening. Para volver a algo anterior al último hecho contado, usa had + participio: had opened. Esta es la forma de narrar que practicamos; before solo no obliga a usar had. Was va con I, he, she e it; were con you, we y they. Regular: añade -ed, solo -d tras e; copy → copied, wrap → wrapped. Para -ing: move → moving, study → studying; traveling en inglés americano.

Ejemplo resuelto

I open the shop daily. Yesterday I ____ it at nine and served a customer. → I open the shop daily. Yesterday I opened it at nine and served a customer.

Abro la tienda a diario. Ayer la abrí a las nueve y atendí a un cliente.

Completa con el verbo de la primera frase y el tiempo del relato explicado arriba.

01. Dad repairs bikes. Yesterday he _____ mine and gave it back to me.

02. She delivers letters. Yesterday she _____ ours and then left.

03. I brush my teeth after breakfast. Yesterday I _____ them and left for school.

04. Mom wraps gifts. I picked up the gift on Friday. She _____ it the previous day.

05. She locks the office at night. The guard came at eight. She _____ it earlier that evening.

06. He fixes radios. He _____ one when the lights went out.

07. She dances in a school show each year. Last night she _____ and then bowed.

08. He copies the dates into his diary. The meeting started at nine. He _____ the date the previous day.

09. The children play chess. They _____ when the bell rang; the game was not over.

10. They prepare lunch at the shelter. They _____ it when I joined them.

11. I pack orders at work. The courier arrived at ten. I _____ the orders earlier that morning.

12. Mom bakes bread. Yesterday she _____ two loaves and put them on the shelf.

13. I help at the shelter. Yesterday I _____ there and then went home.

14. I fold towels at work. I _____ one when the manager came in.

15. We travel together each summer. Last July we _____ to Boston and stayed for a week.

16. We watch wildlife films. The lesson began at ten. We _____ a film about bears the previous day.

17. I call my aunt every week. Yesterday I _____ her and told her the news.

18. I charge my phone at night. I left home at eight. I _____ it the previous night.

19. They visit museums. We met in Paris in June. They _____ the city's art museum the previous month.

20. We wash the car on Saturdays. We got home at noon. We _____ it earlier that morning.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa con el verbo de la primera frase y el tiempo del relato explicado arriba.

21. The boys climb trees. They _____ one when Dad called them down.

22. Dad checks the tires before a trip. We set off at eight. He _____ them the previous evening.

23. I carry boxes at work. I _____ one upstairs when you called.

24. We clean the kitchen after lunch. We _____ it when the doorbell rang.

25. We book hotels online. We reached the coast on Friday. We _____ our hotel the previous week.

26. She cooks dinner each evening. She _____ it when I arrived; the food was not ready yet.

27. She closes the café at night. I arrived at ten. She _____ it half an hour earlier.

28. They plant flowers in spring. They _____ them when it started raining.

29. He paints doors. Yesterday he _____ the front door and put his brush away.

30. We study in this room. We _____ when the fire alarm sounded; the lesson was still in progress.

31. She answers emails at work. Yesterday she _____ five and then took a break.

32. I open the shop every morning. Yesterday I _____ it at nine and served a customer.

33. She smiles when she sees me. Yesterday she _____ and waved.

34. We move furniture at work. Yesterday we _____ a desk and put it near the window.

35. The children share a bedroom. They _____ a room at Grandma's house when we visited them; their stay was not over.

36. They collect stamps. I visited them in May. They _____ fifty stamps the previous winter.

37. You park near the library. Yesterday you _____ there and walked inside.

38. I finish work at six. The phone rang at seven. I _____ work an hour earlier.

39. We wait for the bus here. We _____ when Anna walked past; the bus was not there yet.

40. Mom waters the garden. She _____ it when the rain began.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

01. Yesterday he **repaired** mine and gave it back to me.
02. Yesterday she **delivered** ours and then left.
03. Yesterday I **brushed** them and left for school.
04. She **had wrapped** it the previous day.
05. She **had locked** it earlier that evening.
06. He **was fixing** one when the lights went out.
07. Last night she **danced** and then bowed.
08. He **had copied** the date the previous day.
09. They **were playing** when the bell rang; the game was not over.
10. They **were preparing** it when I joined them.
11. I **had packed** the orders earlier that morning.
12. Yesterday she **baked** two loaves and put them on the shelf.
13. Yesterday I **helped** there and then went home.
14. I **was folding** one when the manager came in.
15. Last July we **traveled** to Boston and stayed for a week.
16. We **had watched** a film about bears the previous day.
17. Yesterday I **called** her and told her the news.
18. I **had charged** it the previous night.
19. They **had visited** the city's art museum the previous month.
20. We **had washed** it earlier that morning.
21. They **were climbing** one when Dad called them down.
22. He **had checked** them the previous evening.
23. I **was carrying** one upstairs when you called.
24. We **were cleaning** it when the doorbell rang.
25. We **had booked** our hotel the previous week.
26. She **was cooking** it when I arrived; the food was not ready yet.
27. She **had closed** it half an hour earlier.
28. They **were planting** them when it started raining.
29. Yesterday he **painted** the front door and put his brush away.
30. We **were studying** when the fire alarm sounded; the lesson was still in progress.
31. Yesterday she **answered** five and then took a break.
32. Yesterday I **opened** it at nine and served a customer.
33. Yesterday she **smiled** and waved.
34. Yesterday we **moved** a desk and put it near the window.
35. They **were sharing** a room at Grandma's house when we visited them; their stay was not over.
36. They **had collected** fifty stamps the previous winter.
37. Yesterday you **parked** there and walked inside.
38. I **had finished** work an hour earlier.
39. We **were waiting** when Anna walked past; the bus was not there yet.
40. She **was watering** it when the rain began.