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**GRAMMAR: PAST TENSES
(B1-C1)**

Fill in the gaps with the past tenses:

1. I _____ (STUDY) French as a child, not English.
2. I _____ (GO) to university in Birmingham, England.
3. I _____ (HAVE) lots of fun in my first year of university.
4. I _____ not sleep enough so I _____ (GET) ill very quickly.
5. I _____ (MAKE) lots of friends in the first week.
6. I _____ (TRAVEL) around Spain when I met my wife.
7. You _____ (LEARN) French during your Erasmus year in Biarritz.
8. While he _____ (DO) a work placement in Germany, he spoke a lot of German.
9. I _____ (NOT SEE) Machu Picchu while I was staying in Peru.
10. It _____ when I arrive back at Heathrow airport.
11. I was on the way home when you _____ (CALL) me.
12. I _____ (MISS) my sister a lot while she was at camp last week.
13. While I _____ (REVISE) for my exams, my sister started annoying me.
14. I _____ (USE) to do a lot more exercise than I do now.
15. When you _____ (CALL) me, I was playing video games.
16. I _____ already _____ (HAVE) up skateboarding when you suggested it to me as a new hobby.
17. I was over the moon that you _____ (PASS) all of your exams and were able to go on the end of year trip.
18. It _____ (BE) not a good idea to talk to the coach like that.
19. I still _____ (NOT SEE) you when you shouted my name.
20. I _____ (BE) fond of skiing as a child, but now I am not so keen.
21. I _____ already _____ (LEARN) how to swim before my brother managed to.
22. I _____ (TRAIN) for a long time to be able to run the marathon.
23. I _____ (MEET) up with my friends last week to celebrate a birthday party.
24. _____ you _____ (GET) to speak to your cousin about the match?
25. I _____ (SLEEP) all day in my girlfriend's bed when you finally got round to calling me.

Answers:

1. I _____ French as a child, not English. studied
2. I _____ to university in Birmingham, England. went
3. I _____ lots of fun in my first year of university. had
4. I _____ not sleep enough so I _____ ill very quickly. did/got
5. I _____ lots of friends in the first week. made
6. I _____ around Spain when I met my wife. was travelling
7. You _____ French during your Erasmus year in Biarritz. learnt
8. While he _____ a work placement in Germany, he spoke a lot of German.
was doing
9. I _____ Machu Picchu while I was staying in Peru. didn't see
10. It _____ when I arrived back at Heathrow airport. was raining
11. I was on the way home when you _____ me. called
12. I _____ my sister a lot while she was at camp last week. missed
13. While I _____ for my exams, my sister started annoying me. was
revising
14. I _____ to do a lot more exercise than I do now. used
15. When you _____ me, I was playing video games. called
16. I _____ already _____ up skateboarding when you suggested it to me
as a new hobby. had/taken
17. I was over the moon that you _____ all of your exams and were able to
go on the end of year trip. passed
18. It _____ not a good idea to talk to the coach like that. was
19. I still _____ you when you shouted my name. had not seen
20. I _____ fond of skiing as a child, but now I am not so keen. was
21. I _____ already _____ how to swim before my brother managed to.
had/learnt
22. I _____ for a long time to be able to run the marathon. was training
23. I _____ up with my friends last week to celebrate a birthday party. met
24. _____ you _____ to speak to your cousin about the match? Did/get
25. I _____ all day in my girlfriend's bed when you finally got round to
calling me. have been sleeping