**EXERCISE: Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past continuous tense.**

1- I lit the fire at 6.00 and it (bum) brightly when Tom came in at 7.00.

2- When I (arrive) the lecture had already started and the professor (write) on the overhead

projector.

3 -I (make) a cake when the light went out. I had to finish it in the dark.

4 -I (not to meet) Paul so when he (enter) the room I (leave).

5 -Unfortunately when I (arrive) Ann just (leave), so we only had time for a few words.

6 -He (watch) TV when the phone rang. Very unwillingly he (turn) down the sound and

(go) to answer it.

7 -He was very polite. Whenever his wife entered the room he (stand) up.

8 -The admiral (play) bowls when he received news of the invasion. He (insist) on

finishing the game.

9 -My dog (walk) along quietly when Mr Pitt's Pekinese attacked him.

10- When I arrived she (have) lunch. She apologized for starting without me but said that

she always (lunch) at 12.30.

11 -He always (wear) a raincoat and (carry) an umbrella when he walked to the office.

12 -What you (think) of his last book? ~ I (like) it very much.

13 -I (share) a flat with him when we were students. He always (complain) about my

untidiness.

14 -He suddenly (realize) that he (travel) in the wrong direction.

15 -He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw)

out a bucket of water.

16 -I just (open) the letter when the wind (blow) it out of my hand.

17 -The burglar (open) the safe when he (hear) footsteps. He immediately (put) out his

torch and (crawl) under the bed.

18 -When I (look) for my passport I (find) this old photograph.

19 -You looked very busy when I (see) you last night. What you (do)?

1. **Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.**

I (1) ...moved. ................ (move) to London three weeks ago to take up a new post at my company's London office. Ever since then, I (2) ............................... (wonder) if I (3) ....................... (make) the right decision. I (4) ............................... (see) a lot of negative things about living in the capital, and I can't say London (5) ............................... (make) a very favourable impression on me. It's so polluted and expensive, and the people are so distant. You see, I (6) ............................... (grow up) in a fairly small town called Devizes and I (7) ............................... (spend) all of my life there. I (8) ............................... (always/want) to live in a big city and so when my company (9) ............................... (offer) me a job in London, I (10) ............................... (jump) at the chance. I think I'm not alone in my aversion to the big city. According to a programme I (11) ............................... (just/hear) on the radio, more and more people (12) ............................... (stop) working in London recently, and a lot of large companies (13) ............................... (choose) to move away from the centre. Oh well, it's too late to change my mind now, because the job is up and running, and I (14) ............................... (already/sell) my house in Devizes. But I must admit, over the past few days, I (15) ............................... (secretly/hope) that the company would relocate me back to my old town.

1. **Complete the news report. Put each verb into the correct form.**

The actress Vanessa Kemp (►) *has disappeared* (disappear). Yesterday she (I)……………….. ............... (fail) to arrive at the Prince Charles Theatre in London's West End for her leading role in the comedy 'Don't look now!'. Ms Kemp, who (2)…………………………………(live) in Hampstead, (3)………………….. (leave) home at four o'clock yesterday afternoon for the theatre, a journey she (4)…………………… (make) several times the week before. Two people who (5)……………...................... (walk) past her home at the time (6)…………….. (see) her leave. But no one (7)…………. (see) her since then. At half past seven she still (8)…………. ........... (not / arrive) at the theatre. At eight o'clock the theatre manager had to break the news to the audience, who (9)........................ (wait) patiently for the play to start. Since yesterday, theatre staff and friends (10)… ….. (try) to contact Ms Kemp, but they (II)………………. (have) no success so far. The police (12)…………………… (take) the matter seriously, but they (13) ...........…….. (believe) that she is unlikely to be in any danger. Her friends all (14) ................................. (want) to hear from her soon.