

Test Your Grammar Skills

How to Get from Bed to Work in 27 Easy Steps! – Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using an appropriate **past simple** verb:

- 1) I _____ up at 6.50am when I _____ the alarm clock.
- 2) I _____ out of bed and _____ it off before it _____ up all the neighbours.
- 3) I _____ on the light and the heater, because it _____ cold in my room.
- 4) I _____ the bathroom; then _____ for a clean shirt to wear.
- 5) I _____ into the kitchen and _____ the kettle on.
- 6) I _____ dressed and _____ my hair.
- 7) I _____ a shave and then _____ my bag ready for work.
- 8) The kettle _____ so I _____ a cup of tea; then I _____ TV for a few minutes.
- 9) I _____ all the curtains in my house and _____ my sandwiches from the fridge.
- 10) I _____ on my shoes and coat; then _____ that I hadn't _____ anything.
- 11) I _____ on the light in the hall because I _____ it _____ be dark when I _____ home.
- 12) I _____ and _____ the front door; then I _____ outside.
- 13) I _____ the front door and _____ a few metres to my car.
- 14) I _____ into the car and _____ the key in the ignition.

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- 15) I _____ on a tape and _____ up the volume.
- 16) I _____ in my mirrors; then _____ up the drive and onto the road.
- 17) I _____ for five miles until I _____ a traffic-jam.
- 18) I _____ in the traffic-jam for twenty minutes; I _____ forward slowly, a few metres at a time.
- 19) I _____ the tape in my car stereo, and _____ my fingers on the steering wheel.
- 20) I _____ on the radio and _____ to the news, followed by the weather forecast.
- 21) The radio _____ one of my favourite songs, so I _____ along loudly.
- 22) I _____ right into the road where I always leave my car. I _____ and _____ off the engine.
- 23) I _____ out and _____ the door. I _____ my car door and then _____ for about twenty minutes.
- 24) I _____ a newspaper and a sandwich at the newsagent; then I _____ for work.
- 25) As I _____ the building I _____ "Hi" to the people I work with.
- 26) I _____ to my desk at about 8.50 am and _____ down my bag.
- 27) I _____ ready for another cup of tea and to ~~have a long nap~~ start the day!

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Answers (some answers may vary - check to see if the sentence makes sense!)

1. I woke up at 6.50am when I heard the alarm clock.
2. I jumped out of bed and switched it off before it woke up all the neighbours.
3. I switched on the light and the heater, because it was cold in my room.
4. I used the bathroom; then looked for a clean shirt to wear.
5. I went into the kitchen and put the kettle on.
6. I got dressed and brushed my hair.
7. I had a shave and then packed my bag ready for work.
8. The kettle boiled so I made a cup of tea; then I watched TV for a few minutes.
9. I opened all the curtains in my house and picked up my sandwiches from the fridge.
10. I put on my shoes and coat; then checked that I hadn't forgotten anything.
11. I left on the light in the hall because I knew it would be dark when I got home.
12. I unlocked and opened the front door; then I went outside.
13. I locked the front door and walked a few metres to my car.
14. I got into the car and turned the key in the ignition.
15. I put on a tape and turned up the volume.
16. I looked in my mirrors; then reversed up the drive and onto the road.
17. I drove for five miles until I reached a traffic-jam.
18. I sat in the traffic-jam for twenty minutes; I drove forward slowly, a few metres at a time.
19. I changed the tape in my car stereo, and tapped my fingers on the steering wheel.
20. I put on the radio and listened to the news, followed by the weather forecast.
21. The radio played one of my favourite songs, so I sang along loudly.
22. I turned right into the road where I always leave my car. I parked and turned off the engine.

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23. I got out and shut the door. I locked my car door and then walked for about twenty minutes.
24. I bought a newspaper and a sandwich at the newsagent; then I headed for work.
25. As I entered the building I said "Hi" to the people I work with.
26. I got to my desk at about 8.50 am and put down my bag.
27. I was ready for another cup of tea and to ~~have a long nap~~ start the day!

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