

Change into past tense

In the following sentences change the verbs to the past tense.

1. He writes to his mother every week. / He to his mother every week.

wrote
was writing
had written

2. He walks fast. / He fast.

walked
walking
was walking

3. The castle stands on the hill. / The castle on the hill.

had stood
stood
was standing

4. He gets up at six o'clock. / He up at six o'clock.

was getting

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would get
got

5. He spends his time in idle pursuits. / He
..... his time in idle pursuits.

spending
spent
had spent

6. Mark studies very well. / Mark very
well.

was studying
had studied
would study
studied

7. He earns 200 dollars a week. / He
200 dollars a week.

was earning
earned
had earned

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8. What strikes me is the generosity of the offer. /
What me was the generosity of the
offer.

struck

had struck

striked

9. He sows the seeds of dissension. / He
..... the seeds of dissension.

sowed

sown

had sown

10. She leaves her things on the table. / She
..... her things on the table.

leaved

left

had left

11. They all tell the same story. / They all
..... the same story.

telled

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told
telling

12. People mistake him for an American. / People
..... him for an American.

mistaked
mistaken
mistook

13. He throws cold water on my plans. / He
..... cold water on my plans.

threwed
threw
thrown

14. Trees shed their leaves in the autumn. / Trees
..... their leaves in the autumn.

shed
sheded
shedding

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