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Past Simple or the Past Continuous?

Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1. What _____ (you / do) when I _____ (call) you last night?
2. I _____ (sit) in a café when you _____ (call).
3. When you _____ (arrive) at the party, who _____ (be) there?
4. Susie _____ (watch) a film when she _____ (hear) the noise.
5. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____ (have) a swim, later I _____ (meet) Julie for a coffee.
6. We _____ (play) tennis when John _____ (hurt) his ankle.
7. What _____ (they / do) at 10pm last night? It _____ (be) really noisy.
8. He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
9. He _____ (be) in the shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
10. When I _____ (walk) into the room, everyone _____ (work).

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11. It _____ (be) a day last September. The sun _____ (shine), the birds _____ (sing). I _____ (walk) along the street when I _____ (meet) an old friend.
12. He _____ (live) in Russia when the Revolution _____ (start).
13. When her train _____ (get) to the station, we _____ (wait) on the platform.
14. He _____ (be) so annoying! He _____ (always / leave) his things everywhere.
15. On holiday we _____ (visit) Rome, _____ (see) the Vatican, and _____ (spend) a few days at the beach.
16. Why _____ (you / stand) on a chair when I _____ (come) into the room?
17. They _____ (live) in Germany when they _____ (be) young.
18. At 7pm yesterday, we _____ (listen) to music.
19. When I _____ (leave) the house, it _____ (snow).
20. He _____ (work) in a bank when he _____ (meet) his wife.

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