Fill in the blanks with the past simple or the past continuous:

1. When I _____ (arrive) the teacher _____ (write) the summary.
2. He _____ (cross) the road when I _____ (see) him.
3. Why _____ (they / shout) at you when I _____ (wake up)?
4. They _____ (fix) the computer when I _____ (open) the door.
5. _____ (Mary / break) her leg while she _____ (skate)?
6. I _____ (sleep) when she _____ (knock) on the door.
7. When I _____ (see) Jim at the disco he _____ (not / talk) to the DJ.
8. I _____ (watch) a film on TV when the electricity _____ (go) out.
9. The Titanic _____ (not / cross) the Pacific Ocean when it _____ (strike) an iceberg.
10. Paul _____ (not / fall) while he _____ (run) away.
11. Carol _____ (fall) asleep while she _____ (read) a book.
12. While my father _____ (drive) home, he _____ (not / answer) his mobile phone.
13. While I _____ (have) a driving lesson it _____ (start) to rain heavily.
14. When I _____ (find) the wallet on the street I _____ (go) to the police and I _____ (turn) it in.
15. When Mrs Spencer _____ (walk) into the busy office, the secretary _____ (talk) on the phone with a customer, several clerks _____ (work) at their desks and two managers _____ (discuss) methods to improve customer service.
16. Last night, Sebastian _____ (go) at Susan's house about 9:00 pm, but she _____ (not / be) there. She _____ (study) at a friend's house.
17. Sam _____ (read) the newspaper while he _____ (wait) for the bus.
18. Yesterday I _____ (see) Paul at the party and he _____ (not / dance) with Rachel.
19. While my parents _____ (drive) me to a great summer camp I _____ (text) my friends about how happy I was about this type of holidays.



Finish!!

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