

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Choose the correct option (Simple Past or Past Continuous) to complete the sentences below.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses:
Simple Past or Past Continuous.

- 1) I _____ (sit) in a cafe when you _____ (call) .
- 2) When you _____ (arrive) at the party, who _____ (be) there?
- 3) Susie _____ (watch) a film when she _____ (hear) the noise.
- 4) Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____ (have) a swim, later I _____ (meet) Julie for coffee.
- 5) We _____ (play) tennis when John _____ (hurt) his ankle.
- 6) What _____ (they/do) at 10pm last night - it was really noisy?
- 7) He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
- 8) He _____ (be) in the shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
- 9) When I _____ (walk) into the room, everyone _____ (work).
- 10) It _____ (be) a day last September. The sun _____ (shine) and the birds _____ (sing) . I _____ (walk) along the street when I _____ (meet) an old friend.
- 11) He _____ (live) in Russia when the Revolution _____ (start).
- 12) When her train _____ (get) to the station, we _____ (wait) on the platform.
- 13) He _____ (be) so annoying! He _____ (always leave) his things everywhere. (annoying = irritating)
- 14) On holiday we _____ (visit) Rome, _____ (see) the Vatican, and _____ (spend) a few days at the beach.
- 15) Why _____ (stand) on a chair when I _____ (come) into the room?
- 16) They _____ (live) in Germany when they _____ (be) young.
- 17) At 7pm yesterday, we _____ (listen) to music.
- 18) When I _____ (leave) the house, it _____ (snow).
- 19) He _____ (work) in a bank when he _____ (meet) his wife.
- 20) What _____ (you/do) when I _____ (call) you last night?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses:
Simple Past or Past Continuous.

- 1) We _____ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
- 2) Yesterday I _____ (go) to the Post Office, _____ (buy) some fruit at the supermarket and _____ (read) a book in the park in the afternoon.
- 3) We _____ (watch) TV when we _____ (hear) a loud noise.
- 4) Julie _____ (be) in the garden when Laurence _____ (arrive).
- 5) A: What _____ (do) at 3pm yesterday? B: I _____ (clean) my house.
- 6) Last year I _____ (visit) Paris and Rome.
- 7) They _____ (have) dinner when the police _____ (come) to the door.
- 8) He _____ (work) in the garden when he _____ (find) the money.
- 9) Laura _____ (study) at 11pm last night.
- 10) He _____ (sleep) when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- 11) I _____ (walk) along the road when I _____ (meet) an old friend.
- 12) It _____ (be) a day in December. Snow _____ (fall) , children _____ (sing) carols and people _____ (do) their Christmas shopping.
- 13) My ex-boyfriend _____ (be) so annoying! He _____ (always miss) the bus and arriving late.
- 14) When I _____ (call) Julie, she _____ (work).
- 15) Why _____ (cry) when I _____ (arrive)?
- 16) When he _____ (get) home we _____ (start) to eat dinner.
- 17) At 10 am yesterday, I _____ (sit) on a bus.
- 18) I _____ (enjoy) my book so much that I _____ (not/notice) that the train had stopped.
- 19) David _____ (not/sleep) when I _____ (arrive) , he _____ (study) .
- 20) Mr Black _____ (not/work) in the garden at 10pm last night.