

## SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

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

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ while I \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs. fell go  
fell went  
was falling was going
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ very fast when the police \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
drove stopped  
was driving was stopping
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_ home. snow left  
snowed left  
was snowing were leaving
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ your call because I \_\_\_\_\_.  
didn't answer worked  
wasn't answering was working
5. This morning I \_\_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast for everybody.  
got up made  
was getting up was making
6. When I \_\_\_\_\_ her, she \_\_\_\_\_ a really nice purple dress.  
saw wore  
was seeing was wearing
7. Last Saturday we \_\_\_\_\_ late and we \_\_\_\_\_ the train.  
got up missed  
were getting up were missing
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ hello because you \_\_\_\_\_ very fast.  
didn't say walked  
weren't saying were walking
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ happily when a loud noise \_\_\_\_\_.  
slept woke me up  
was sleeping was waking me up
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ you last night?  
did you do called  
were you doing was calling

**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.