Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

Listening Practice

Listen to the audio and complete the sentences with the correct verb form:

	1. A: What _____ when the accident occurred?/ B: I _____ to change a light bulb that had burnt out.
	2. After I _____ the wallet full of money, I _____ to the police and _____it in.
	3. The doctor _____that Tom _____too sick to go to work and that he _____to stay at home for a couple of days.
	4. Sebastian _____ at Susan's house a little before 9:00 PM, but she _____ there. She _____ for her final examination in French.
	5. Sandy is in the living room watching television. At this time yesterday, she _____ television. That's all she ever does!
	6. A: I _____ you last night after dinner, but you _____ there. Where were you?/ B: I _____ out at the fitness center.
	7. When I _____ into the busy office, the secretary _____ on the phone with a customer, several clerks _____ at their desks, and two managers _____ methods to improve customer service.
	8. I _____ a mystery movie on TV when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the movie ends.
	9. Sharon _____ in the room when John told me what happened, but she didn't hear anything because she _____.
	10. It's strange that you _____ because I _____about you.
	11. The Titanic _____ the Atlantic when it _____ an iceberg.

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	12. When I entered the bazaar, a couple of merchants _____ and _____ to sell their goods to naive tourists who _____ for souvenirs. Some young boys _____ their donkeys through the narrow streets on their way home. A couple of men _____ over the price of a leather belt. I _____ over to a man who _____ fruit and _____ a banana.
	13. The firemen _____ the old woman who _____ trapped on the third floor of the burning building.
	14. She was so annoying! She _____ her dirty dishes in the sink. I think she _____ me to do them for her.
	15. Samantha _____ in Berlin for more than two years. In fact, she _____ there when the Berlin Wall came down.

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