

Past simple vs Past Continuous

Put the verbs into the correct tense

1. While Tom _____(read), Amely _____(watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin _____(come) home, _____(switch) on the computer and _____(check) his emails.
3. The thief _____(sneak) into the house, _____(steal) the jewels and _____(leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody _____(listen) while the teacher _____(explain) the tenses.
5. While we _____(do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends _____(lie) on the beach.
6. He _____(wake) up and _____(look) at his watch.
7. The receptionist _____(welcome) the guests and _____(ask) them to fill in the form.
8. The car _____(break) down and we _____(have) to walk home.
9. The boys _____(swim) while the girls _____(sunbathe).
10. My father _____(come) in, _____(look) around and _____(tell) me to tidy up my room.
11. As one group _____(prepare) dinner, the others _____(collect) wood for their campfire.
12. While the parents _____(have) breakfast, their children _____(run).
13. Martha _____(turn) off the lights and _____(go) to bed.
14. We _____(wait) for Jane, when suddenly Louis _____(come) around the corner.
15. I _____(cycle) through the park, when I _____(hear) a strange noise.
16. When he _____(pass) her a message, the teacher _____(look / not) .
17. I _____(fall) asleep while I _____(watch) TV last night.
18. Mike and Jane _____(paint) the walls when their dog _____(knock) over the paint pot.
19. Tom _____(break) his leg while he _____(play) frisbee.
20. The phone _____(ring) when I _____(sit) on the toilet.

Past Simple vs Past Perfect

- 1 We (watch) the film and we had dinner.
- 2 My father (be) annoyed because we hadn't done our homework
- 3 He found a job two years after he (leave) school.
- 4 They (move) before they had their baby.
- 5 My uncle bought a Porsche because he (win) the lottery.
- 6 She was very active and she (not drink) any coffee yesterday.
- 7 We (buy) a new house when the earthquake destroyed our home.
- 8 I (ask) the teacher because I didn't understand the question.
- 9 They (meet) before that day.
- 10 Paul and Tom didn't know each other although they (be) neighbours for ten years.