

PAST SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS ?



COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERBS GIVEN IN BRACKETS

1. Tom _____ a photo when I _____
(TAKE, NOT LOOK)
2. I _____ vegetables in the kitchen when I _____
the terrible story on the six o'clock news (CUT, HEAR)
3. She _____ into tears when she _____
his name.(BURST, RECOGNISE)
4. The sun _____ brightly when the adventurers _____
off from their cottage (SHINE, SET)
5. What a terrible accident! Steve _____ his car when a bird _____
into his windscreen (DRIVE, FLY)
6. First she _____ the advertisement , then she _____
the company (READ, CALL)
7. At eight o'clock yesterday evening the plane _____ from Los
Angeles to Sydney. (FLY)
8. We _____ carefully while they _____ the plan to us
(LISTEN, EXPLAIN)
9. Last weekend while Julie _____ (TIDY) her room she (FIND)
_____ some of the toys she (USE TO) _____ play with when
she (BE) _____ a child
What _____ (you / WATCH) on TV yesterday at 9 in the evening?

10. As soon as she got the money, she **(BUY)** the new house.
11. When the policeman **(ARRIVE)** at the crime scene, the robbers **(still / ROB)** the safe.
12. As Johnny **(SKATE)** in the park, his dog Aussie **(PLAY)** near him.

PRACTICE



My parents' first meeting (1) **was / was being** very funny. My mum (2) **worked / was working** as a waitress, and my dad and his friends (3) **came / were coming** to her café for a drink. She (4) **carried / was carrying** a bowl of hot soup (5) **when / while** she (6) **fell / was falling**. The soup went all over my dad! She was terribly embarrassed, but he (7) **knew / was knowing** that it was an accident. As she (8) **cleaned / was cleaning** his shirt, they (9) **talked / were talking**. When my dad left the café, he (10) **had / was having** my mum's telephone number in his pocket!