Past Simple and Past Progressive

1. While I (do)_____the washing-up, I (break) _____ a plate.
2. While Tom (play) _____the piano, his mother (do) _____ the washing-up.
3. He (drink) _____some juice and then he (eat) _____ a few chips.
4. I (have) _____ dinner when I suddenly (hear) _____ a loud bang.
5. While my father (work) _____in the garden, an old friend (pass) _____ by to see him.
6. She (go) _____to school, (take) _____out her textbook and (begin) _____to read.
7. When it (start) _____to rain, our dog (want) _____ to come inside.
8. While Jane (do) _____a language course in Ireland, she (visit) _____ Blarney Castle.
9. When I (be) _____ on my way home, I (see) _____an accident.
10. I (not understand) _____ what they (talk) _____about.
11. When I (get) _____ up yesterday, the sun (shine) _____.
12. It (be) _____ a beautiful morning so I (decide) _____ to cycle around a little.
13. I (go) _____ to the shed and (take) _____ out my bike.
14. While I (cycle) _____ past some villages, I (see) _____ some people in their gardens.

15. One man (mow) _____ the grass while his wife (pick) _____ strawberries.

16. After one hour of cycling in sunshine, a big raincloud suddenly (appear) _____ and it (start) _____ to rain. Luckily, a farmer (notice) _____ me and (tell) _____ me to come in. While it (rain) _____ outside, I (sit) _____ in the farmer's house. After a while, the sun (come) _____ out again. I (thank) _____ the farmer for his hospitality and (move) _____ on.

17. I _____ (buy) a new alarm clock one day in Twinkle's, when I _____ (see) somebody shoplifting. I'd just finished paying for my clock as I _____ (turn) round, an elderly woman _____ (slowly put) a silver ashtray (מאפרה) into her bag that she _____ (carry). Then she _____ (walk) over to another part of the shop and _____ (pick up) an expensive-looking bracelet many times. When she _____ (think) that nobody _____ (look), she _____ (drop) it into the bag. Before I _____ (have) a chance to tell the staff in the shop, she _____(notice) that I _____ (watch) her and _____ (hurry) out. Unfortunately for her, two policemen _____ (walk) past at that moment and she _____ (run) straight into them.