

THEME 3 - LEGENDARY FIGURES

A) Simple Past – Past Continuous exercises 1

1. When 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. When 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. When 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.

B) Simple Past – Past Continuous exercises 2

1. When I (get) _____ up yesterday, the sun (shine) _____.
2. It (is) _____ a beautiful morning.
3. So I (decide) _____ to cycle around a little.
4. I (go) _____ to the shed and (take) _____ out my bike.
5. While I (cycle) _____ past some villages, I (see) _____ some people in their gardens.
6. One man (mow) _____ the grass while his wife (pick) _____ strawberries.
7. After one hour of cycling in sunshine, a big rain cloud suddenly (appear) _____ and it (start) _____ to rain.
8. Luckily, a farmer (notice) _____ me and (tell) _____ me to come in.
9. While it (rain) _____ outside, I (sit) _____ in the farmer's house.
10. After a while, the sun (come) _____ out again.
11. I (thank) _____ the farmer for his hospitality and (move) _____ on.

C) Fill in the blanks with 'WHEN' or 'WHILE'

1. _____ my father was reading a book; my mother was looking at the family album.
2. I was having a shower _____ my friend broke my mother's favorite vase.
3. _____ the teacher came into the classroom, some students were arguing with each other.
4. I arrived home _____ all the guests were having tea and biscuits.
5. _____ she was a little girl, she visited her relatives with her mother.
6. I liked working in group and pairs _____ I was a secondary school student.
7. _____ Sue was waiting for the 12 o'clock train, she met an old friend.
8. The Pearsons were having a large breakfast _____ the doorbell rang.
9. My father was waiting in the car _____ my mother was doing shopping.
10. What were you doing _____ the teacher looked at you suddenly?
11. _____ the train left, Thomas was rushing to the station.
12. The electricity went off _____ we were watching a horror film.
13. _____ Mathew was going to the library, he saw a car accident on Maple Street.
14. The baby boy started crying _____ his mother was combing her hair.
15. _____ the mother was doing the washing up, the twins were sweeping the floor.
16. The sun was rising _____ we reached the summit of the mountain.
17. _____ Susan entered the living room, everybody began singing 'Happy Birthday'.
18. Mr. Robinson fell off the tree _____ he was looking at the little bird's nest.
19. _____ I dropped the vase, it broke into pieces.