

### Simple Past vs. Past Progressive

Complete the following sentences. Use the words in parentheses. Use the **past progressive** and the **simple past** in the completions.

1. Yesterday I watched the NASCAR competition. Juan Pablo Montoya (lead)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the race when he (have)  
\_\_\_\_\_ an accident with another car.
2. Last night, I stayed alone at home. I (read) \_\_\_\_\_ when  
Mary (come) \_\_\_\_\_ in suddenly. She made me scream!
3. I spent yesterday afternoon watching TV. When Susan (call)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ The  
Simpsons.
4. You won't believe this: A mouse (appear) \_\_\_\_\_ on my  
desk while I (study) \_\_\_\_\_. It was horrible!
5. My brother came home late last night. I (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_  
when he (enter) \_\_\_\_\_ my bedroom to ask me for money.
6. I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ my car back home yesterday afternoon,  
when a tree (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ across the street. I almost crashed  
my car against that tree!
7. Yesterday in class, while the teacher (speak)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tom (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to throw  
paper balls outside the window.
8. Last Sunday at the cinema, while we (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
movie, a crazy man (dance) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the screen.  
Security had to come and took him out. It was very funny.

9. Last Saturday at the park, a thief (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to grab my dad's arm while he (jog) \_\_\_\_\_. Dad was lucky; a policeman was near them.

10. The worst thing happened to me yesterday morning. While I (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a shower, my friend Adriana (call) \_\_\_\_\_. I was alone, so I had to get out to answer the phone

### Present Progressive (Continuous)

1. Put the past progressive verbs in these sentences into the negative form and then into the question form.

a. The car driver was talking on his cell phone when the train hit him.

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Janet and John were working at the shelter between 6:00 and 11:00 last night.

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Benjamin was sleeping when his mother called.

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

d. My stepmother was staying in town between Monday and Thursday.

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Use the words in parentheses to write a sentence. Put the verbs into the past progressive tense.

a. (Jennifer / sleep / between 11 o'clock and midnight)

b. (A fire / burn / in / the kitchen)

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c. (The alarm bells / ring / in / the house)

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d. (Jennifer / dream / that she was / in school)

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e. (Jennifer's father / shout / her name)

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f. (Smoke / come / through / her doorway)

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g. (Firemen / climb / up a ladder / outside / her window)

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h. (When / the firemen / rescue / Jennifer / everyone / cheer)

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