

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

