

THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE PAST CONTINUOUS

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past continuous tense.

- 1 He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw)..... out a bucket of water.
- 2 When I arrived, the lecture had already started and the professor (write)..... on the overhead projector.
- 3 I (make) a cake when the light went out. I had to finish it in the dark.
- 4 I didn't want to meet Paul so when he entered the room, I (leave).....
- 5 Unfortunately when I arrived Ann just (leave), so we only had time for a few words.
- 6 He (watch)TV when the phone rang. Very unwillingly he (turn)down the sound and (go)to answer it.
- 7 He was very polite. Whenever his wife entered the room, he (stand)up.
- 8 You looked very busy when I (see)you last night. What you (do).....?
- 9 My dog (walk) along quietly when Mr. Pitt's Pekinese attacked him.
- 10 As I (cross)..... the road I (step)on a banana skin and (fall)heavily.

III. Put the verbs in the correct tenses:

1. Tom (move) to this town in 1994.
2. My friend (be) in Canada two years ago.
3. We (fly) back to England next month.
4. When I.....(sleep), the volcano(start) to erupt.
5. Last week, Mary and Paul (go) to the cinema.
6. (they / spend) their holiday in New Zealand last summer?
7. Mrs. Green always (take) a bus to work. But now..... (drive) to work.
8. Look! The ball (fall) down.
9. The sun (rise) in the East and (set) in the West.
10. He (not/ play) table tennis at the moment.
11. Peter (take) photos of the town when he..... (drop) his wallet.
12. In 2009, Parker (take part) in his first Antarctic expedition. He (be) only fourteen at the time.
13. My sister(always/cry), which makes me annoyed.