

Past simple vs Past continuous

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence

1. While she **(was reading / read)** a book, her brother **(watched / was watching)** TV.
2. I **(was walking / walked)** to school when it **(started / was starting)** to rain.
3. They **(played / were playing)** soccer when the lights **(went off / were going off)** suddenly.
4. While we **(cooked / were cooking)** dinner, the phone **(rang / was ringing)**.
5. She **(did / was doing)** her homework when her friends **(called / were calling)** her.
6. He **(was running / ran)** fast when he **(fell / was falling)** on the ground.
7. While we **(were listening / listened)** to music, my dad **(arrived / was arriving)** home.
8. The teacher **(was explaining / explained)** the lesson when the fire alarm **(went off / was going off)**.
9. I **(was sleeping / slept)** when the baby **(was crying / cried)** loudly.
10. When the train **(arrived / was arriving)**, the passengers **(were waiting / waited)** at the station.

Complete the sentence with Past Simple and Past Continuous

1. He **(was driving / drove)** when he **(saw / was seeing)** a deer on the road.
2. She **(was studying / studied)** while her brother **(played / was playing)** video games.
3. The dog **(barked / was barking)** while the cat **(was sleeping / slept)** on the couch.
4. I **(was walking / walked)** to the park when I **(met / was meeting)** an old friend.