

Past Simple vs. Past Continuous Worksheet

Unit 4: FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

Name: _____

Date: _____



A. Unscramble the words to make correct sentences

1. was / watching / I / TV / when / called / mother / my

2. walking / she / to school / was / it / when / started / to
rain

3. we / while / football / were / playing / hurt / his ankle /
John

4. cooking / they / dinner / when / the lights / out

5. a book / I / was / reading / my sister / while / was /
listening / to music

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb

1. I _____ (watch) TV when my mother _____ (call)
me.

2. She _____ (walk) to school when it _____ (start) to
rain.

3. While we _____ (play) football, John _____ (hurt)
his ankle.

4. They _____ (cook) dinner when the lights _____
(go) out.

5. I _____ (read) a book while my sister _____ (listen)
to music.

E. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the verbs

Yesterday, there _____ a big party at Sarah's house.

Many friends _____ there. Sarah _____ happy because

it _____ her birthday. Her parents _____ also very

happy. There _____ balloons, cake, and presents.

Sarah's favorite color _____ pink, so everything _____

pink. Her friends _____ wearing party hats and singing

songs. Sarah's dog _____ excited too. He _____ running

around and playing with everyone. It _____ a fun day

for Sarah and her friends.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as questions.

1. She was sleeping when the alarm rang.
_____?

2. We were walking to school when we saw a dog.
_____?

3. They were playing football when it started raining.
_____?

4. I was studying when my friend called me.
_____?

5. While he was driving, he saw an accident.
_____?

D. Identify and correct mistakes.

1. She was sleeping when the alarm ringed.

2. When we were walking to school, we see a dog.

3. They played football when it was raining.

4. I was study when my friend called me.

5. While he drove, he seen an accident.

F. Match the two parts of the sentence

Column A	Column B
1. While I was having lunch,	a. the phone rang.
2. When she arrived,	b. I met an old friend.
3. He was running fast when	c. she was wearing a red dress.
4. I was walking in the park when	d. he fell down.