

Past Simple vs Past Continuous

1. Choose the correct option

Circle the correct verb form.

1. I **was watching / watched** TV when the phone **rang / was ringing**.
2. She **walked / was walking** home when it **started / was starting** to rain.
3. While they **played / were playing** football, it **began / was beginning** to snow.
4. He **was cooking / cooked** dinner when the lights **went / were going** out.
5. We **slept / were sleeping** when we **heard / were hearing** a loud noise.

2. Complete the sentences:

Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. While I _____ (study), my friend _____ (call) me.
2. They _____ (have) dinner when the doorbell _____ (ring).
3. She _____ (listen) to music when her mom _____ (arrive).
4. We _____ (drive) to the beach when we _____ (see) an accident.
5. While he _____ (work), his computer suddenly _____ (stop).

3. Choose when or while

1. I was walking in the park _____ I saw a dog.
2. _____ I was sleeping, my phone rang.
3. She was talking on the phone _____ I entered the room.
4. _____ they were studying, the teacher arrived.
5. I broke my leg _____ I was playing football.

4. Match the halves

Match A with B to make logical sentences.

A

1. I was taking a shower
2. While she was reading
3. They were watching a movie
4. He was driving
5. While we were eating

B

- a. when the phone rang
- b. when he saw a deer
- c. when the lights went out
- d. when I slipped
- e. when someone knocked on the door

5. Rewrite using *when* or *while*

1. I was doing my homework. My brother started playing music.

2. She fell asleep. She was watching TV.

3. They were playing video games. Their mom arrived.

4. I saw an accident. I was walking to school.
