

PAST PROGRESSIVE

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the past progressive tense of the verbs in brackets.

Ex. They were standing (stand) in the corner when I saw them.

1. The sun _____ (shine) when I woke up this morning.
2. It _____ (rain) when I left the office.
3. I _____ (eat) dinner when you called me.
4. She got very sick while she _____ (travel) overseas.
5. Martin _____ (work) in the garden when it started to rain.
6. I _____ (cook) dinner when the phone rang.
7. Mr. Johnson cut himself while he _____ (shave).
8. She fell asleep while she _____ (watch) the movie.
9. Andrea broke her ankle when she _____ (skate).
10. I saw a bad accident while I _____ (drive) home.
11. She found a ten dollar bill while she _____ (walk) home.
12. They _____ (speed) when the accident happened.
13. The baby _____ (sleep) when we got home from the party.
14. She broke a plate while she _____ (do) the dishes.
15. When you called, I _____ (take) a shower.
16. David met his neighbors while he _____ (move) into his new apartment.

PAST PROGRESSIVE VS. SIMPLE PAST

Read each situation below and answer the following questions. Use your imagination to answer the questions in the simple past.

Ex. Dan was walking to work when it started to rain.

What was Dan doing when it started to rain? He was walking to work.

What did Dan do when it started to rain? He opened his umbrella and ran to the bus stop.

1. Brenda was cooking dinner when she saw a mouse on the kitchen floor.

What was Brenda doing when she saw the mouse?

What did Brenda do when she saw the mouse?

2. Kevin was painting the house when he fell off the ladder.

What was Kevin doing when he fell off the ladder?

What did Kevin do when he fell off the ladder?

3. I was walking to work when I saw the car accident.

What were you doing when you saw the accident?

What did you do when you saw the accident?

PAST PROGRESSIVE VS. SIMPLE PAST

Complete the following sentences using the correct form (past progressive or simple past) of the verbs in brackets.

1. Chris _____ (fall) off the ladder while he
_____ (paint) the ceiling.
2. You _____ (study) when I
_____ (call) you last night?
3. They _____ (drive) very fast when the
policeman _____ (stop) them.
4. While I _____ (drive) to work yesterday, I
_____ (see) an accident.
5. I _____ (read) a great book last
week.
6. My friends _____ (drop in) for a visit while I
_____ (watch) TV last night.
7. I _____ (see) Andrea at the party last night. She
_____ (wear) a beautiful dress.
8. The children _____ (go) to bed at 9:00 last night. At
10:00, they _____ (sleep).
9. We _____ (have) dinner at a new restaurant last
night. While we _____ (eat), one of the waiters
_____ (drop) a tray on the floor.
10. Monty _____ (work) in his garage last night
when he _____ (hear) a loud noise. He
_____ (put) down his tools and
_____ (go) outside into the yard. While he
_____ (look) around, someone
_____ (run) out of his front door. Monty
_____ (call) the police. He
_____ (tell) the police that the robber
_____ (wear) a black ski jacket and jeans.

11. When Sue _____ (arrive) at the theater, her friends _____ (wait) for her inside. 12. John _____ (break) his leg while he _____ (play) football.

13. Mr. Duncan _____ (get) home last night while his wife _____ (cook) dinner and the children _____ (watch) TV.

14. Paula _____ (stay) home yesterday because it _____ (snow) very heavily.