1. Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1. He _____ (sleep) when the doorbell _____ (ring).
2. We _____ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
3. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the post office, _____ (buy) some fruit at the supermarket and _____ (read) a book in the park in the afternoon.
4. We _____ (watch) TV when we _____ (hear) a loud noise.
5. Julie _____ (be) in the garden when Laurence _____ (arrive).
6. A: What _____ (you / do) at 3pm yesterday?
   B: I _____ (clean) my house.
7. Last year I _____ (visit) Paris and Rome.
8. They _____ (have) dinner when the police _____ (come) to the door.
9. He _____ (work) in the garden when he _____ (find) the money.
10. Laura _____ (study) at 11pm last night.
11. I _____ (walk) along the road when I _____ (meet) an old friend.
12. It _____ (be) a day in December. Snow _____ (fall), children _____ (sing) carols and people _____ (do) their Christmas shopping.
13. My ex-boyfriend _____ (be) so annoying! He _____ (always / miss) the bus and _____ (arrive) late.
14. When I _____ (call) Julie, she _____ (work).
15. Why _____ (you / cry) when I _____ (arrive)?
16. When he _____ (get) home, we started to eat dinner.
17. At 10am yesterday I _____ (sit) on a bus.
18. I _____ (enjoy) my book so much that I _____ (not / notice) the train had stopped.
19. David _____ (not / sleep) when I _____ (arrive), he _____ (study)!
20. Mr Black _____ (not / work) in the garden at 10 pm last night.

2. Complete the sentences with *while* **or** *when*.

- ..... they were playing basketball, we finished our homework.
- ..... Jimmy came to the party, everybody was already dancing.
- ..... he was writing a letter, his boss walked into the office.
- ..... I was studying, my friend phoned.
- They were sleeping ..... the thief broke into their house.
- I was playing football ..... I hurt my knee.
- ..... the manager came in, they were talking about the exam results.
- Gaye lost her wallet ..... she was walking in a crowded street.
- I was speaking to a friend on the phone ..... somebody stole my i-pod.
- ..... we were getting ready for the picnic, it started to rain.