

# SIMPLE PAST TENSE VS PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. Emma's parents \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when she \_\_\_\_\_ (call).
2. When the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an email.
3. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the picnic at the park, it (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to rain.
4. What (you, do) \_\_\_\_\_ when the earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ (start)?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to my playlist, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (not, hear) the fire alarm.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to me when I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you to turn the oven off.
7. While Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) last night, someone \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) her car.
8. Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for us when we \_\_\_\_\_ (get off) the plane.
9. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the email, the computer suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (go off).
10. Last Friday night, we \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Pizza Hut and the delivery man \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) our order right away.
11. A: What was Mike doing when he broke his leg?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_ (snowboard).
12. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the office, several people \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) news on CNN.
13. I think they \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) their parents at ten this morning.
14. The salesperson \_\_\_\_\_ (help) the customer when the thief \_\_\_\_\_ (come) into the store.
15. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (study), he \_\_\_\_\_ (cook).
16. Students \_\_\_\_\_ (talk), when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep.
17. What (she, do) \_\_\_\_\_ during her vacation last month?
18. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower, Nicole \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the door.
19. Yesterday we \_\_\_\_\_ (play) all day at the park. I \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) the wood stick and my dog \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) it for me.
20. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you, do) during the Chemistry class this morning?