

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Simple past	Past continuous
<p>We use the simple past to talk about: Completed actions, habits and facts in the past.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I went to the cinema yesterday.• I always visited my grandparents in my summer holidays when I was little.• I lived near Liverpool for a couple of years.	<p>The past continuous is used to express: Interrupted actions, specific time as an interruption and parallel actions.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was watching TV when the phone rang.• Last night at 7 p.m, I was having dinner.• While she was doing her homework, her brother was playing football.

Complete the sentences with past simple or continuous

1. We _____ (cycle) when the rain _____ (start).
2. He _____ (break) the vase while he _____ (play) ball at home.
3. My mom _____ (come) in while I _____ (surf) on the net.
4. The electricity _____ (go off) as I _____ (bake) a cake.
5. Sandra _____ (catch) when her sister _____ (fall) down the stairs.
6. I _____ (play) golf when it _____ (begin) to rain.
7. While she _____ (read) a novel, her sister _____ (turn on) the CD player.
8. They _____ (walk) along the beach when they _____ (see) the accident.
9. We _____ (study) when we _____ (hear) a terrible noise.
10. While she _____ (do) the ironing, her husband _____ (set) the table.
11. We _____ (dance) when he _____ (faint).
12. When he _____ (fall) down the tree, he _____ (break) his leg.
13. I _____ (be) shocked when I _____ (hear) the bad news.
14. She _____ (cry) when I _____ (see) her.
15. My parents _____ (sit) in the garden while we _____ (play) badminton.
16. Bob _____ (lie) in the garden when it _____ (start) to rain.
17. As I _____ (put) the baby to bed, the phone _____ (ring).
18. What _____ you _____ (do) when Dan _____ (fall)?
19. How _____ you _____ (break) the window?
20. I _____ (write) an e-mail when the postman _____ (deliver) his letter!
21. When I _____ (leave) home yesterday, some dogs _____ (sit) near the front gate.
22. John _____ (not swim) at four o'clock. He _____ (play) football.

23. While I swam in the river, I saw some frogs.

24. Jim didn't pay attention when he drove his car into a tree.

25. What were you doing while she was sleeping?

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

1. We were playing basketball it began to rain.
2. The dog was barking we were sleeping.
3. I was watching TV she called.
4. the phone rang, she was writing a letter.
5. we were having the picnic, it started to rain.
6. What were you doing the earthquake started?
7. You were not listening to me I told you to turn the oven off.
8. John was sleeping last night, someone stole his car.
9. I was just getting into the bath the telephone rang.
10. Were you listening he was talking?
11. Ellen was reading, Tim was watching television.
12. she came home from school she really didn't look well