

Past simple tense and Progressive worksheet

Put the verb in brackets into the Past simple or Past continuous tenses

1. George _____ (fall) off the ladder while he _____
(paint) the ceiling.
2. Last night I _____ (read) in bed when I suddenly
_____ (hear) a scream.
3. _____ (you watch) TV when I _____ (phone)
you?
4. Ann _____ (wait) for me when I _____. (arrive)
5. Maisie _____ (clean) up the kitchen when John _____
(ask) her to marry him.
6. My brother _____ (get) a new job a week ago.
7. Columbus _____ (discover) America over 500 years ago
8. _____ at school yesterday? (you be)
9. I _____ (meet) a friend while I _____ the
shopping (do)
10. While the football teams _____, (warm up) the fans _____
(wave) their flags.
11. We _____ (see) David in town a few days ago. ?
12. I _____ (go) to the cinema three times last week. (go)
13. The police _____ (stop) me on my way home last night.
14. Yesterday, at six I _____ (prepare) dinner.
15. Sylvia _____ (run) when she _____ the DVDs. (drop)
16. While Steve _____ (watch) a documentary, he _____ asleep.
(fall)

17. They _____ (listen) when you _____ (ask) for remote control.

18. I _____ (look) out of the window when the accident happened.

19. I _____ (sit) in a cafe when you _____ (call)

20. He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).