SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

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Read the examples.

A	B
- I **was walking** home when I met Dave. - Ann **was watching** TV when the phone rang.	- I **walked** home after the party last night. - Ann **watched** TV a lot when she was ill last year.
In the middle of an action	Complete action

Example of past continuous **A** **B**

Example of simple past **A** **B**

Circle the correct option!

A. When are you going to use past continuous? Read the examples and write the rule

- A: What **were** they **doing** at 10.30 a.m? B: They **were playing** tennis.	Rule: ....
-Tom burnt his hand when he **was cooking** dinner. -They **were skiing** when the storm started.	Rule: ....
-While **I was watching** TV, my wife **was talking** on the phone. -Cristian **was reading** a book while Janet **was writing** a letter.	Rule: ....

B. Put the verb in the correct form: Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I _____ (dream) when the alarm clock _____ (go off).
2. They _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).
3. The phone _____ (ring) while I _____ (have) a shower.
4. We _____ (not/go out) last Sunday because it _____ (rain).
5. I _____ (see) Kim at the party. She _____ (wear) a new dress.
6. I _____ (break) a bowl this morning. When I _____ (wash) the dishes it just _____ (slip) out of my hand onto the floor!
7. When he _____ (carry) the table, he _____ (feel) a sharp pain in his back.
8. Sarah _____ (go) down the stairs when the lights _____ (go out).
9. We _____ (watch) TV when someone _____ (come) to the door and _____ (knock) very loudly.
10. What _____ (you/do) at this time yesterday? Oh, I _____ (prepare) the dinner.
11. I _____ (fall) asleep while I _____ (watch) television.
12. At 12:45 yesterday, Mr Alright _____ (see) a client in his office.

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