

# Past Simple or Past Continuous?

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 10pm last night.