

THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE PAST CONTINUOUS

Put the verbs into the simple past or the past continuous

1. He (watch) _____ TV when the phone rang.
2. When I arrived she (have) _____ lunch.
3. I (make) _____ a cake when the light went out.
4. He usually wears sandals but when I last (see) _____ him he was wearing boots.
5. While he (learn) _____ to drive he had 25 accidents.
6. While we (fish) _____ someone came to the house and left this note.
7. He suddenly (realize) _____ that he (travel) _____ in the wrong direction.
8. A fire (burn) _____ in the fireplace and a cat (sleep) _____ in front of it.
9. When I (look) _____ for my passport I (find) _____ this old photograph.
10. I (not want) _____ to meet Paul so when he entered the room I (leave) _____
11. As we (come) _____ here a policeman (stop) _____ us.
12. While the guests (dance) _____ the thieves (break) _____ into the house.
13. When I (come) _____ in they (sit) _____ around the fire.
14. While I (write) _____ the letter I (listen) _____ to some pop music on the radio.
15. Why (you lend) _____ him the book? I (still read) _____ it.
16. As I (cross) _____ the road I (step) _____ on a banana skin and (fall) _____ heavily.