



PAST SIMPLE

VS

PAST CONTINUOUS



Complete the sentences with the correct tense.

1. Last Saturday when my brother arrived, I _____ TV. (to watch)
2. The police arrested the murderer while he _____ an old woman. (to attack)
3. You called me while I _____ for the exam. (to study)
4. When the teacher entered the classroom, the students _____ very loudly (to speak)
5. When you came home, I _____ the dog (to walk)

Choose the correct form.

1. I _____ while I _____ down the stairs.
2. He _____ very fast when the police _____ him.
3. It _____ when we _____ home.
4. I _____ your call because I _____.
5. This morning when I _____, my dad _____ breakfast for everybody.
6. When I _____ her, she _____ a really nice purple dress.
7. I _____ happily when a loud noise _____.
8. What _____ when I _____ you last night?





Fill each gap with a verb in either the **past simple** or **past continuous** tense.

1. Helen _____ (do) her weekly shopping when she _____ (meet) her old friend, June.
2. The sun _____ (shine) when I _____ (get) up this morning.
3. Jim _____ (wait) at one airport while Max _____ (wait) at the other. What a disaster!
4. It _____ (rain) very hard, so the referee _____ (decide) not to play the match.
5. When the police _____ (arrive) at the party, the music _____ (play) very loud.
6. Joan was very angry this morning. She _____ (speak) to an important client when someone _____ (enter) the room without knocking.

Complete the sentences using **WHEN** or **WHILE**.

1. The students were doing an exam _____ the bell rang.
2. I saw an accident _____ I was waiting at the bus stop.
3. _____ she was writing an email, her computer turned off.
4. He fell down _____ he was climbing a tree.
5. _____ my mother came home, my sister was sleeping.
6. _____ you called me last night, I was studying for the test.

