

Practice the *Past Continuous* with the *Simple Past*.

A. We use both together when one action interrupts another

Example: I was listening to music **when** the fire alarm sounded.

interruption

B. We use both when one action is long and the other is short.

Example: He was sleeping **when** someone stole his car.

long action

short action

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the past progressive tense of the verbs provided in brackets.

1. They were standing (stand) on the corner when I saw them.
2. The sun _____ (shine) when I woke up this morning.
3. It _____ (rain) when I left the office.
4. I _____ (eat) dinner when you called me.
5. She got very sick while she _____ (travel) overseas.
6. Martin _____ (work) in the garden when it started to rain.
7. I _____ (cook) dinner when the phone rang.
8. Mr. Johnson cut himself while he _____ (shave) .
9. She fell asleep while she _____ (watch) the movie.
10. Andrea broke her ankle when she _____ (skate) .
11. While I _____ (drive) home, I saw a bad accident.
12. She found a ten dollar bill while she _____ (walk) home.
13. They _____ (speed) when the accident happened.
14. The baby _____ (sleep) when we got home from the party.
15. She broke a plate while she _____ (do) the dishes.
16. When you called, I _____ (take) a shower.
17. David met his neighbors while he _____ (move) into his new apartment.