

Fill in the blanks with the past simple or the past continuous:

1. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the summary.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the road when I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him.
3. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (they / shout) at you when I \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up)?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the computer when I \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mary / break) her leg while she \_\_\_\_\_ (skate)?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when she \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door.
7. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Jim at the disco he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / talk) to the DJ.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film on TV when the electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
9. The Titanic \_\_\_\_\_ (not / cross) the Pacific Ocean when it \_\_\_\_\_ (strike) an iceberg.
10. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (not / fall) while he \_\_\_\_\_ (run) away.
11. Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book.
12. While my father \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / answer) his mobile phone.
13. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a driving lesson it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain heavily.
14. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the wallet on the street I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the police and I \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) it in.
15. When Mrs Spencer \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the busy office, the secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone with a customer, several clerks \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at their desks and two managers \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) methods to improve customer service.
16. Last night, Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_ (go) at Susan's house about 9:00 pm, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) there. She \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at a friend's house.
17. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper while he \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.
18. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Paul at the party and he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / dance) with Rachel.
19. While my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) me to a great summer camp I \_\_\_\_\_ (text) my friends about how happy I was about this type of holidays.

