



# PAST SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS ?

**COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERBS GIVEN IN BRACKETS**

1. Tom a photo when I  
**(TAKE, NOT LOOK)**

2. I vegetables in the kitchen when I  
the terrible story on the six o'clock news (**CUT, HEAR**)

3. She into tears when she  
his name. (**BURST, RECOGNISE**)

4. The sun brightly when the adventurers  
off from their cottage (**SHINE, SET**)

5. What a terrible accident! Steve his car when a bird  
into his windscreen (**DRIVE, FLY**)

6. First she the advertisement , then she  
the company (**READ, CALL**)

7. At eight o'clock yesterday evening the plane from Los  
Angeles to Sydney. (**FLY**)

8. We carefully while they the plan to us  
**(LISTEN, EXPLAIN)**

9. Last weekend while Julie (**TIDY**) her room she (**FIND**)  
some of the toys she (**USE TO**) play with when  
she (**BE**) a child

What (**you / WATCH**) on TV yesterday at 9 in the evening?

10. As soon as she got the money, she **(BUY)** the new house.

11. When the policeman **(ARRIVE)** at the crime scene, the robbers **(still / ROB)** the safe.

12. As Johnny **(SKATE)** in the park, his dog Aussie **(PLAY)** near him.

## PRACTICE



My parents' first meeting (1) **was / was being** very funny. My mum (2) **worked / was working** as a waitress, and my dad and his friends (3) **came / were coming** to her café for a drink. She (4) **carried / was carrying** a bowl of hot soup (5) **when / while** she (6) **fell / was falling**. The soup went all over my dad! She was terribly embarrassed, but he (7) **knew / was knowing** that it was an accident. As she (8) **cleaned / was cleaning** his shirt, they (9) **talked / were talking**. When my dad left the café, he (10) **had / was having** my mum's telephone number in his pocket!