

## PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS



Put the verbs into the correct tense:

1. While Tom (read).....,  
Amely (watch) ..... a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin (come) ..... home, (switch) ..... on the  
computer and (check) ..... his emails.
3. The thief (enter) ..... the house, (steal) ..... the  
jewels and (leave) ..... without a trace.
4. Nobody (listen) ..... while the  
teacher (explain) ..... the tenses.
5. While we (do) ..... a sight-seeing tour, our  
friends (lie) ..... on the beach.
6. He (wake) ..... up and (look) ..... at his watch.
7. The receptionist (welcome) ..... the guests  
and (ask) ..... them to fill in the form.
8. The car (break) ..... down and we (have) ..... to  
walk home.
9. The boys (swim) ..... while the  
girls (sunbathe) .....
10. My father (come) ..... in, (look) ..... around  
and (tell) ..... me to tidy up my room.
11. While group (prepare) ..... dinner, the  
others (collect) ..... wood for their campfire.

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12. While the parents (have) ..... breakfast,  
their children (run) ..... about.
13. Martha (turn) ..... off the lights  
and (go) ..... to bed.
14. What ..... (you / do) when I .....  
(call) you last night?
15. I ..... (sit) in a café when you .....  
(call).
16. When you ..... (arrive) at the party, who  
..... (be) there?
17. Susie ..... (watch) a film when she  
..... (hear) the noise.
18. Yesterday I ..... (go) to the library, next I  
..... (have) a swim, later I ..... (meet)  
Julie for a coffee.
19. We ..... (play) tennis when John .....  
(hurt) his ankle.
20. What ..... (they / do) at 10pm last night? It  
..... (be) really noisy.
21. He ..... (take) a shower when the telephone  
..... (ring).
22. He ..... (be) in the shower  
when the telephone ..... (ring).
23. When I ..... (walk) into the  
room, everyone ..... (work).

