

# Past Simple vs Past Continuous

Past Simple - short, second action -d/-ed; 2<sup>nd</sup> col.

Past Continuous - long, first action was/were + -ing

I broke my leg while I was riding my bike.  
short, second action                      long, first action

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) this morning.
2. When my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home, we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner.
3. The neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) loud music when I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the police.
5. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a horror movie, they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
7. The police \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) him while he \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) a TV from a store.
8. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) them, they \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) under a tree in the park.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) his sunglasses while he \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in the mountains.
10. We (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for Jane, when Louis (come) \_\_\_\_\_ around the corner.
11. I (cycle) \_\_\_\_\_ through the park, when I (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise.
12. He (pass) \_\_\_\_\_ her a message when the teacher (look / not) \_\_\_\_\_.
13. I (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ asleep while I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ TV last night.
14. When Tom & Tim (paint) \_\_\_\_\_ the walls, the cat (knock) \_\_\_\_\_ over the vase.
15. Tom (break) \_\_\_\_\_ his leg when he (play) \_\_\_\_\_ frisbee.
16. The phone (ring) \_\_\_\_\_ when I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ on the toilet.
17. I (jog) \_\_\_\_\_ in the park, when two squirrels (cross) \_\_\_\_\_ my way.
18. Robert (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder when he (pick) \_\_\_\_\_ cherries.
19. When we (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ to Ireland, we (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ some very nice people.
20. While she (speak) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone, the milk (boil) \_\_\_\_\_ over.
21. When I (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ the house this morning, the sun (shine) \_\_\_\_\_.

# Well done!