ESLWORKSHEETS

GRAMMAR

Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple and the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Remember:

- Past Continuous + WHEN + Past Simple
- Past Simple + WHILE + Past Continuous

1. I _____ (go) to work, **when** I _____ (see) an accident.
2. The phone _____ (ring) **while** David _____ (have) a shower.
3. Sarah and Kate _____ (have) a drink, **when** two men _____ (start) to fight.
4. I _____ (sleep), **when** I _____ (fall) off the bed.
5. The phone _____ (ring) **while** I _____ (read) a book.
6. I _____ (do) my homework, **when** my mum _____ (arrive)
7. It _____ (start) to rain **while** Helen and Michael _____ (wait) for the bus.
8. Harry _____ (sit) on the sofa, **when** his wife _____ (come) home.
9. **While** Emma _____ (go) home, she _____ (have) an accident.
10. **When** I _____ (meet) Robert, he _____ (wear) a black suit.