

Past Simple vs Past Continuous

1. Past Simple or Past Continuous – complete.

- a) First, we *(to have)* _____ some sandwiches, then we *(to buy)* _____ some milk.
- b) While Shirley *(to lie)* _____ in bed with the flu, her friends *(to play)* _____ golf.
- c) While the baby Ann *(to take)* _____ a nap, Tom and Mary *(to clean up)* _____.
- d) I *(to switch off)* _____ the TV and the lights and *(to go)* _____ to bed.
- e) When Sarah *(to come)* _____ home she *(to do)* _____ her homework, *(to have)* _____ dinner and then *(to go)* _____ to cinema with a friend of hers.
- f) We *(to have)* _____ breakfast, while Tom *(to take)* _____ a shower.
- g) When he *(to hear)* _____ she was ill he *(to call)* _____ her at once.
- h) He *(to take)* _____ his driving test last month and then *(to buy)* _____ a car only two days later.
- i) While Mr & Ms Wilson *(to talk)* _____ to Troy's teacher, their son *(to wait)* _____ outside.
- k) While the police *(to search)* _____ the flat, the murderer *(to hide)* _____ in the abandoned warehouse.

2. Past Simple vs Past Continuous tense – complete.

- a) When I *(to walk)* _____ to the office yesterday, I *(to meet)* _____ John.
- b) It *(to start)* _____ to rain when we *(to play)* _____ in the garden.
- c) When we *(to watch)* _____ TV last night, Susan *(to ring)* _____ us and *(to tell)* _____ us she *(to have)* _____ a party at the same time.
- d) I *(to want)* _____ to visit you last night, but you *(not to be)* _____ at home. When _____ you _____ *(to come)* back home?
- e) He *(to recognize)* _____ me, although I *(to wear)* _____ sunglasses.

f) When the schoolgirl (*to cross*) _____ the street, a bicycle (*to hit*)
_____ and (*to injure*) _____ her.

