

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.

