Past Simple & Past Continuous



❖ Fill in the blanks with the past simple or the past continuous:

1. When I _____ (arrive) the teacher _____ (write) the summary.



2. He _____ (not see) the cars while he _____ (cross) the road.

3. Why _____ (mom/scold) you when I _____ (wake up)?





4. While Mr. Brown _____ (fix) the computer I _____ (read) a book in the living room.



5. _____ (Mary / break) her leg while she _____ (skate)?

6. I _____ (not sleep) last night because John _____ (snore) loudly.





7. When I _____ (see) Jim at the library he _____ not/study).



8. I _____ (watch) a film on TV when the lights_____ (go) out.



9. The Titanic _____ (not / cross) the Pacific Ocean when it _____ (strike) an iceberg.



10. The thief _____ (not / fall) while he _____ (run) away, so he escaped.



11. Carol _____ (fall) asleep while she _____ (read) a book.



12. I called dad while he _____ (drive), but he _____ (not / answer) his mobile, so I couldn't reach him.



13. While Nina _____ (take) her driving lesson she _____ (hit) a couple of things, so she didn't pass.



14. I _____ (walk) in the street when I _____ (find) a wallet, so I _____ (go) to the police and I _____ (turn) it over.



15. When Mrs Spencer _____ (walk) into the busy classroom, Jess _____ (throw) paper planes, two kids _____ (fight) on the floor and Jake _____ (dance) on the desk with a bucket on his head.





16. Last night, Sebastian _____ (go) to Susan's house, but she _____ (not / be) there when he arrived.



She_____ (study) at a friend's house.



17. Sam _____ (read) the newspaper while he _____ (wait) for the bus.



18. Yesterday I _____ (see) Paul at the party and he _____ not / dance) with Rachel.



19. While my parents _____ (drive) me to a great summer camp I _____ (text) my friends about how happy I was about going there.

