

## Past Progressive Practice

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the past progressive tense of the verbs provided.

Ex. They were standing (stand) on the corner when I saw them.

1. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) when I woke up this morning.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when I left the office.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner when you called me.
4. She got very sick while she \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) overseas.
5. Martin \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden when it started to rain.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when the phone rang.
7. Mr. Johnson cut himself while he \_\_\_\_\_ (shave).
8. She fell asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the movie.
9. Andrea broke her ankle when she \_\_\_\_\_ (skate).
10. I saw a bad accident while I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home.
11. She found a ten dollar bill while she \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home.
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ (speed) when the accident happened.
13. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when we got home from the party.
14. She broke a plate while she \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the dishes.
15. When you called, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower.
16. David met his neighbors while he \_\_\_\_\_ (move) into his new apartment.

## Past Progressive Tense VS. Simple Past Tense

**Directions:** Read each situation below and answer the following questions. Use your imagination to answer the questions in the simple past.

Ex. Dan was walking to work when it started to rain.

What was Dan doing when it started to rain? He was walking to work.

What did Dan do when it started to rain? He opened his umbrella and ran to the bus stop.

**1. Maryann was writing a letter to her boyfriend when the electricity went out.**

What was Maryann doing when the lights went out?

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What did Maryann do when the lights went out?

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**2. Brenda was cooking dinner when she saw a mouse on the kitchen floor.**

What was Brenda doing when she saw the mouse?

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What did Brenda do when she saw the mouse?

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**3. Last week Andrew was having coffee with his beautiful new secretary when his wife came into the café.**

What was Andrew doing when his wife came into the café?

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What did Andrew do when his wife came into the café?

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**4. Kevin was painting the house when he fell off the ladder.**

What was Kevin doing when he fell off the ladder?

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What did Kevin do when he fell off the ladder?

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**5. I was walking to work when I saw the car accident.**

What were you doing when you saw the accident?

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What did you do when you saw the accident?

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**Past Progressive Vs. Simple Past – Practice**

**Directions:** Complete the following sentences using the correct form (past progressive or simple past) of the verbs provided.

1. Chris \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the ceiling.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ (study) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you last night?
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) very fast when the policeman \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) them.
4. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an accident.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a great book last week.
6. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (drop in) for a visit while I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV last night.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Andrea at the party last night. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a beautiful dress.
8. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed at 9:00 last night. At 10:00, they \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner at a new restaurant last night. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (eat), one of the waiters \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a tray on the floor.
10. Monty \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in his garage last night when he \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a loud noise. He \_\_\_\_\_ (put) down his tools and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) outside into the yard. While he \_\_\_\_\_ (look) around, someone \_\_\_\_\_ (run) out of his front door. Monty \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the police. He \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) the police that the robber \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black ski jacket and jeans.
11. When Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the theater, her friends \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for her inside.
12. John \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg while he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football.
13. Mr. Duncan \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home last night while his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner and the children \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
14. Paula \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) home yesterday because it \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) very heavily.