

Name _____ Class _____

Past Simple or Past Continuous

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form in either simple past or past progressive tense.

While I was watching (watch) TV, the phone rang (ring).

1. His car _____ (catch) fire while he _____ (drive) home.
2. The bus they _____ (travel) on left the road and _____ (fall) out.
3. She _____ (talk) on her smartphone when the accident _____ (happen).
4. At 6 o'clock yesterday evening a Boeing 737 _____ (fly) to Madrid when it _____ (start) to lose attitude.
5. While they _____ (swim) in the pool, it _____ (start) thundering.
6. The children _____ (play) in the park when it _____ (start) getting dark.
7. While the children _____ (play) in the yard, it _____ (start) to rain.
8. The car _____ (break) down as they _____ (drive) on the highway.
9. While I _____ (walk) in the park yesterday, I _____ (see) a little kitten under the tree.
10. While she _____ (wash) her hands and face, her mother _____ (come) into the bathroom.