Past simple/Past continuous

Choose the correct past continuous and past simple forms to complete the sentences:

1. The boy _____ while he _____ down the stairs.
2. The man _____ very fast when he _____ the accident.
3. The rain _____ when the group of friends _____ home.
4. The woman _____ the call because she _____.
5. In the morning, the student _____ and _____ breakfast for everyone.
6. When the teacher _____ the girl, she _____ a beautiful purple dress.
7. Last Saturday, the family _____ late and _____ the train.
8. The girl _____ hello because the boy _____ very fast.
9. The dogs _____ happily when a loud noise _____.
10. What _____ when the mother _____ the child last night?

Choose the correct forms for the gaps:

After the event, the tourist _____ that a worker _____ the walls of the building.
a. was seeing / was painting
b. saw / was painting
c. was seeing / painted
2. The man was so angry that he _____ and _____.
a. was getting up / left
b. got up / was leaving
c. got up / left
3. The person _____ the vase while _____ the bookshelf.
a. broke / was cleaning
b. broke / cleaned
c. was breaking / was cleaning
4. As soon as the guests walked into the room, they _____ a noise. Someone _____ the computer.
a. heard / used
b. were hearing / used
c. heard / was using
5. The bus in which the team _____ had an accident, but nobody _____.
a. were travelling / died
b. travelled / died
c. were travelling / were dying
6. The guest _____ the party, but the girl _____ to leave.
a. was enjoying / was wanting

LIVEWORKSHEETS

b. enjoyed / was wanting
c. was enjoying / wanted

7. The police _____ the criminal while he _____ to escape.
a. caught / tried
b. caught / was trying
c. were catching / was trying
8. The participants _____ what to do, so they called the police and _____.
a. didn't know / waited
b. weren't knowing / waited
c. didn't know / were waiting
9. When the teacher last _____ the girl, she _____ high-heeled shoes.
a. saw / wore
b. was seeing / was wearing
c. saw / was wearing
10. The sun _____, so the children _____ their clothes and went into the water.
a. was shining / took off
b. shone / took off
c. shone / were taking off

Fill in the gaps with the correct forms:

When the visitor 1 _____ (arrive) at the station, their friend 2 _____ (wait) for them. He 3 _____ (wear) a nice black suit and 4 _____ (hold) a red rose in his right hand. When the traveler 5 _____ (get off) the train, the companion 6 _____ (run) up to them and 7 _____ (kiss) them warmly.
The rain 8 _____ (rain) heavily, so the friend 9 _____ (take off) his jacket and 10 _____ (put) it over their head. The passenger 11 _____ (tell) their companion to go to a café to talk, but he 12 _____ (insist) on going to another place.
While the driver 13 _____ (drive), the guest 14 _____ (throw) a glance at him. He 15 _____ (smile) all the time, but he also 16 _____ (look) nervous.
The driver finally 17 _____ (stop) the car on the top of a hill with beautiful views. It was wonderful. The travelers 18 _____ (get out) of the car, and the man 19 _____ (kneel) in front of the companion and 20 _____ (take) a ring out of his pocket. “My love, will you marry me?” he said. “Listen, I want to break up,” they interrupted.

LIVEWORKSHEETS