

Past Simple vs Past Continuous

A. Complete the sentences with the **past simple** or **past continuous** form of the verbs.

1. Matthew _____ (play) the guitar when he _____ (fall) off the stage.
2. I _____ (do) my homework when my sister _____ (come) into the room.
3. John and his sister _____ (walk) to school when the accident _____ (happen).
4. I _____ (talk) about Kiki when she _____ (phone) me.
5. While Anna _____ (tidy) up her room, she _____ (find) her watch.
6. While Alison _____ (study), she _____ (remember) it was her mum's birthday.
7. When we _____ (find) out about the accident, we _____ (watch) TV.
8. I _____ (brush) my teeth but my toothbrush _____ (break).
9. Evan _____ (drink) the coffee when he _____ (burn) his mouth.
10. The boys _____ (fight) when their mum _____ (walk) into the room.
11. Daniel and Sophie _____ (play) basketball when their dad arrived home.

12. They _____ (not do) any sports yesterday as it was raining the whole day.
13. What _____ (you/do) when we phoned you?
14. We _____ (play) well and _____ (win) the game last night.
15. When I _____ (look) out of the window, it _____ (snow).

When / while

Fill in the blank with “when” or “while”

1. _____ I was walking into town, I saw I had different socks on.
2. My brother was winning the race _____ he fell off his bike.
3. _____ I was walking to school, I saw an old friend.
4. My friends and I were enjoying the competition _____ the TV stopped working.
5. I dropped my book in the water _____ I was reading in the bath.
6. I was having lunch _____ James arrived.
7. _____ I heard the doorbell, I went to the door.
8. _____ Jo was washing her hair, I did my homework.