

# Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1: The Language of Love (Multiple Choice)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework when the lights suddenly went out.  
A) finish      B) was finishing      C) finished      D) were finishing
2. While she \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus, it started to rain heavily.  
A) waited      B) waits      C) was waiting  
D) were waiting for the bus, it started to rain heavily.
3. The phone rang while we \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
A) had      B) were having      C) was having      D) are having
4. When the teacher entered the classroom, the students \_\_\_\_\_ loudly.  
A) were talking      B) talked      C) was talking      D) talk
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ a loud crash while I was walking down the street.  
A) ware hearing      B) hear      C) heard  
D) hearing

Grammar Note: Use "When" for interrupting actions (Simple Past) and "While" for ongoing background actions (Past Continuous)!

## Part 2: Completing the Story (Gap Filling)

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football when it started to thunder.
2. While my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) lunch, I was setting the table.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an old friend while I was waiting for the train.
4. When the alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off, he was having a beautiful dream.
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) when the accident happened?