

1 Choose the correct form.

Choose the best form. Include the sequence of Past Simple actions.

1. When we entered the cosy living room, Grandma __ on the sofa.

A. was resting

B. rested

2. First, Emma __ the balcony, and then she __ the windows.

A. swept / cleaned

B. was sweeping / cleaned

3. While Dad __ the cooker, Mum __ the cupboard.

A. was repairing / was organising

B. repaired / organised

4. I __ a strange noise while I __ near the entrance.

A. heard / was waiting

B. was hearing / waited

5. We __ the stairs, __ the door and __ into the attic.

A. climbed / opened / walked

B. were climbing / opening / walking

6. The ceiling light suddenly __ while my sister __ her homework.

A. went out / was finishing

B. was going out / finished

7. While the children __ on the first floor, their parents __ downstairs.

A. were playing / were chatting

B. played / chatted

8. The tiny house __ unusual, so we __ some photos of it.

A. looked / took

B. was looking / were taking

9. I __ the lamp, __ my book and __ to bed.

A. switched off / closed / went

B. was switching off / was closing / was going

10. When I __ the kitchen, my brother __ the sink.

A. entered / was cleaning

B. was entering / cleaned

11. The garage __ cold and dark, but we __ inside anyway.

A. was / went

B. was being / were going

12. While our neighbour __ the ceiling, we __ in the garden.

A. was painting / were relaxing

B. painted / relaxed

2 Look at the pictures.

Complete the sentences with the correct Past Simple or Past Continuous forms.

1



At 8 p.m., Sofia __ (talk) on the phone while her dog __ (sleep) beside her.

2



While Mum __ (prepare) dinner, Dad __ (wash) the dishes.

3



Tom __ (look) inside the cupboard when he __ (find) an old photo.

4



We __ (leave) the house, __ (close) the door and __ (walk) towards the entrance gate.

5



When Leo __ (enter) the kitchen, his brother __ (clean) the sink.

6



The boy __ (read) in bed when he __ (switch off) the lamp.

3 Put the words in order.

Arrange the mixed parts to make correct Past Simple / Past Continuous sentences.

1.

on the comfortable the lamp went out. was reading sofa, When I

2.

cooking cleaning Dad was Mum the sink, while dinner was

3.

the opened them and took out plates some on the table. We put cupboard,

4.

bike was the garage. repairing Ben At 8 p.m., in his

5.

the balcony, was brother the ceiling. her painting Anna was while on standing

6.

Dad were playing when on the house. the ground floor entered The children

7.

my coat, and put on the door I left the house. warm closed

8.

when bright was cosy arrived. The living room we and

4 What was happening?

Look at the pictures. Answer using Past Simple and / or Past Continuous.

1



1. Living room

What was the girl doing while the cat was sleeping?

2



2. Kitchen

What were Mum and Dad doing in the kitchen at 7 p.m.?

3



3. Bedroom

What were the boy and the girl doing at the same time?

4



4. Entrance

What was the girl doing when her friend arrived?

5



5. Garage

What were the man and the boy doing at the same time?

6



6. Garden

What were the children doing while the woman was reading?

5 Choose the correct alternative.

Choose WHEN or WHILE to complete each sentence.

1 I had a bad dream

when / while ▼

I was sleeping on the sofa.

Choose one answer.

2 Karina was doing her homework

when / while ▼

the lights went out.

Choose one answer.

3 I was talking to my husband in the park

when / while ▼

two cars crashed behind us.

Choose one answer.

4 You called me last night

when / while ▼

I was studying for an important exam.

Choose one answer.

5 My mother found some old photographs

when / while ▼

she was cleaning her room.

Choose one answer.

6 The students were doing an exercise

when / while ▼

the bell rang.

Choose one answer.