

### Exercise - Simple Past vs Past Continuous

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Analyze each sentence. Put the verb in the correct form: Simple Past or Past Continuous.**

1. I was reading the newspaper while I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for my plane.
2. I (not/work) \_\_\_\_\_ when my boss walked in my office: I was on Facebook.
3. I saw a car accident when I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for the taxi.
4. Tom (have) \_\_\_\_\_ long hair and a beard when he was at university.
5. It was snowing while I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ to work.
6. What (you/do) \_\_\_\_\_ on December 24 last year?
7. I (not/call) \_\_\_\_\_ you at 10 am because I was having a meeting.
8. I (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ when my wife left for work this morning.
9. Why did you bring your umbrella? \_\_\_\_\_ (it/rain) when you left home?
10. The last time I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Mrs Brown, she was watering the flowers.

**B. In each case, analyze the sentence and the meaning. Is the meaning TRUE or FALSE?**

➤ Write **TRUE** or **FALSE**

1. Sentence → When our friends arrived, we ate lunch.

Meaning → Our friends arrived before lunch. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sentence → While we were talking on the phone, I was driving to school.

Meaning → We finished the conversation then I drove to school. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sentence → Laura heard about the accident while she was driving home.

Meaning → Laura knew about the accident exactly when she got home. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sentence → When they left the theater, it started to rain.

Meaning → It was raining while they were in the theater. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Sentence → When Sarah got to school, her class was taking a test.

Meaning → Sarah was late for the test. \_\_\_\_\_