

Past Progressive Practice

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the past progressive tense of the verbs provided.

Ex. They were standing (stand) on the corner when I saw them.

1. The sun _____ (shine) when I woke up this morning.
2. It _____ (rain) when I left the office.
3. I _____ (eat) dinner when you called me.
4. She got very sick while she _____ (travel) overseas.
5. Martin _____ (work) in the garden when it started to rain.
6. I _____ (cook) dinner when the phone rang.
7. Mr. Johnson cut himself while he _____ (shave).
8. She fell asleep while she _____ (watch) the movie.
9. Andrea broke her ankle when she _____ (skate).
10. I saw a bad accident while I _____ (drive) home.
11. She found a ten dollar bill while she _____ (walk) home.
12. They _____ (speed) when the accident happened.
13. The baby _____ (sleep) when we got home from the party.
14. She broke a plate while she _____ (do) the dishes.
15. When you called, I _____ (take) a shower.
16. David met his neighbors while he _____ (move) into his new apartment.

TASK 2:

Julie saw Tim and Matt at the swimming pool. Make past continuous questions to complete the dialogue.

Sue: when you saw them? (what | Tim and Matt | do)

Julie: Tim was swimming in the pool, but I didn't see Matt first.

Sue: in the pool, too? (you | swim)

Julie: No, I wasn't. I was just looking. But then I saw Matt, too.

Sue: ? (what | he | do)

Julie: He was diving in the pool.

Sue: Diving, you say. to dive? (he | not | just | try) He can't dive.

Julie: You're right. He was just trying to do it. And all his friends were watching it.

Sue: ? (they | laugh)

Julie: Of course, they were. Matt was pretty funny. He splashed the water all over the place.

Sue: faces when he came up to the surface of the pool? (Matt | make)

Julie: Yes, he was. He was grinning and making faces at me.

Sue: At you? Vow! And what about Tim? Matt, too? (he | watch)

Julie: Not really. He was looking at me instead.

Sue: Oh, no! You're kidding. your new swimsuit? (you | wear)

Julie: Yes, I was. Why?

Sue: Now I know why Tim and Matt were watching you, Julie.