EXERCISES ON THE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

I. Give the correct form of verbs in brackets by using past continuous tense

1. I _____down the street when it begins to rain. **(go)**
2. At this time last year, I _____an English course. **(attend)**
3. Jim _____ under the tree when he heard an explosion. **(stand)**
4. The boy fell and hurt himself while he _____ a bicycle. **(ride)**
5. When we met them last year, they_____ in Santiago. **(live)**
6. The tourist lost his camera while he_____ around the city. **(walk)**
7. The lorry _____ very fast when it hit our car. **(go)**
8. While I _____in my room, my roommate _____ a party in the other room. **(study/ have)**
9. Mary and I_____ the house when the telephone rang. **(just leave)**
10. We _____ in the café when they saw us. **(sit)**
11. At this time last year, they _____ this house. **(build)**
12. I _____ my car very fast when you called me. **(drive)**
13. I **(chat)** _____ with my friends while my teacher **(teach)**_____ the lesson yesterday.
14. My father _____ TV when I got home. **(watch)**
15. At this time yesterday, I _____ for my son's birthday party. **(prepare)**
16. What you _____ at 8 pm yesterday? **(do)**
17. Where you _____ when I saw you last weekend? **(go)**
18. They _____ to school when I met them yesterday. **(not go)**
19. My mother _____ the housework when my father came home. **(not do)**
20. My sister **(read)** _____ books while my brother **(play)** _____ football yesterday afternoon.

II. Choose the correct tense for these following sentences below (either simple past tense or past continuous tense)

1. Alice **saw/ was seeing** the accident when she was catching the bus.
2. What **were you doing/ did you do** when I called?
3. I **didn't visit/ weren't visiting** my friends last summer holiday.
4. It **rained/ was raining** heavily last July.
5. While people were talking to each other, he **read/ was reading** his book.

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6. My sister **was eating/ ate** hamburgers every weekend last month.
7. While we **were running/ ran** in the park, Mary fell over.
8. **Did you find/ Were you finding** your keys yesterday?
9. Who **was she dancing/ did she dance** with at the party last night?
10. They **were watching/ watched** football on TV at 7 p.m. yesterday.

III. Error recognition (Underline the the mistakes and correct it)

1. I was play football when she called me.
2. Was you study Math at 5 p.m. yesterday?
3. What was she do while her mother was making lunch?
4. Where did you went last Sunday?
5. They weren't sleep during the meeting last Monday.
6. He got up early and have breakfast with his family yesterday morning.
7. She didn't broke the flower vase. Tom did.
8. Last week my friend and I go to the beach on the bus.
9. While I am listening to music, I heard the doorbell.
10. Peter turn on the TV, but there was nothing interesting.

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