

## EXERCISE: SIMPLE PAST TENSE VS SIMPLE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. I .....(watch) TV when she .....(call).
2. When the phone .....(ring), she ..... (write) a letter.
3. While we .....(have) the picnic, it (start)..... to rain.
4. What (you, do)..... when the earthquake .....(start) ?
5. I .....(listen) to my iPod, so I .....(not, hear) the fire alarm.
6. You .....(listen) to me when I .....(tell) you to turn the oven off.
7. While John .....(sleep) last night, someone .....(steal) his car.
8. Sammy .....(wait) for us when we .....(get off) the plane.
9. While I .....(write) the email, the computer suddenly went off.
10. Last night, she.....(call) Pizza Hut and the delivery man.....(deliver) her order right away.
11. A: What were you doing when you broke your leg?  
B: I .....(snowboard).
12. When I .....(walk) into the office, several people .....  
(watch) news on CNN.
13. They.....(meet) my parents at eight this morning.
14. The salesman .....(help) the customer when the thief .....(come)  
into the store.
15. While I ..... (study), she .....(cook).
16. Children.....(talk), when I.....(fall) asleep.
17. What.....(she,do) during her holiday last month?
18. While I.....(take ) a bath, Suze.....(fix) the door.
19. Yesterday we .....(play) at the park. I .....(throw)  
the wood stick and my dog.....(catch) it for me.
20. What.....(you, do) during the Math class this morning?