

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Choose the correct option (Simple Past or Past Continuous) to complete the sentences below.

1. I _____ while I _____ down the stairs. fell go
fell went
was falling was going
2. He _____ very fast when the police _____ him.
drove stopped
was driving was stopping
3. It _____ when we _____ home. snow left
snowed left
was snowing were leaving
4. I _____ your call because I _____.
didn't answer worked
wasn't answering was working
5. This morning I _____ and I _____ breakfast for everybody.
got up made
was getting up was making
6. When I _____ her, she _____ a really nice purple dress.
saw wore
was seeing was wearing
7. Last Saturday we _____ late and we _____ the train.
got up missed
were getting up were missing
8. I _____ hello because you _____ very fast.
didn't say walked
weren't saying were walking
9. I _____ happily when a loud noise _____.
slept woke me up
was sleeping was waking me up
10. What _____ when I _____ you last night?
did you do called
were you doing was calling

**Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses:
Simple Past or Past Continuous.**

- 1) I _____ (**sit**) in a cafe when you _____ (**call**) .
- 2) When you _____ (**arrive**) at the party, who _____ (**be**) there?
- 3) Susie _____ (**watch**) a film when she _____ (**hear**) the noise.
- 4) Yesterday I _____ (**go**) to the library, next I _____ (**have**) a swim, later I _____ (**meet**) Julie for coffee.
- 5) We _____ (**play**) tennis when John _____ (**hurt**) his ankle.
- 6) What _____ (**they/do**) at 10pm last night - it was really noisy?
- 7) He _____ (**take**) a shower when the telephone _____ (**ring**).
- 8) He _____ (**be**) in the shower when the telephone _____ (**ring**).
- 9) When I _____ (**walk**) into the room, everyone _____ (**work**).
- 10) It _____ (**be**) a day last September. The sun _____ (**shine**) and the birds _____ (**sing**) . I _____ (**walk**) along the street when I _____ (**meet**) an old friend.
- 11) He _____ (**live**) in Russia when the Revolution _____ (**start**).
- 12) When her train _____ (**get**) to the station, we _____ (**wait**) on the platform.
- 13) He _____ (**be**) so annoying! He _____ (**always leave**) his things everywhere. (*annoying = irritating*)
- 14) On holiday we _____ (**visit**) Rome, _____ (**see**) the Vatican, and _____ (**spend**) a few days at the beach.
- 15) Why _____ (**stand**) on a chair when I _____ (**come**) into the room?
- 16) They _____ (**live**) in Germany when they _____ (**be**) young.
- 17) At 7pm yesterday, we _____ (**listen**) to music.
- 18) When I _____ (**leave**) the house, it _____ (**snow**).
- 19) He _____ (**work**) in a bank when he _____ (**meet**) his wife.
- 20) What _____ (**you/do**) when I _____ (**call**) you last night?

**Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses:
Simple Past or Past Continuous.**

- 1) We _____ (**eat**) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
- 2) Yesterday I _____ (**go**) to the Post Office, _____ (**buy**) some fruit at the supermarket and _____ (**read**) a book in the park in the afternoon.
- 3) We _____ (**watch**) TV when we _____ (**hear**) a loud noise.
- 4) Julie _____ (**be**) in the garden when Laurence _____ (**arrive**).
- 5) A: What _____ (**do**) at 3pm yesterday? B: I _____ (**clean**) my house.
- 6) Last year I _____ (**visit**) Paris and Rome.
- 7) They _____ (**have**) dinner when the police _____ (**come**) to the door.
- 8) He _____ (**work**) in the garden when he _____ (**find**) the money.
- 9) Laura _____ (**study**) at 11pm last night.
- 10) He _____ (**sleep**) when the doorbell _____ (**ring**).
- 11) I _____ (**walk**) along the road when I _____ (**meet**) an old friend.
- 12) It _____ (**be**) a day in December. Snow _____ (**fall**) , children _____ (**sing**) carols and people _____ (**do**) their Christmas shopping.
- 13) My ex-boyfriend _____ (**be**) so annoying! He _____ (**always miss**) the bus and arriving late.
- 14) When I _____ (**call**) Julie, she _____ (**work**).
- 15) Why _____ (**cry**) when I _____ (**arrive**)?
- 16) When he _____ (**get**) home we _____ (**start**) to eat dinner.
- 17) At 10 am yesterday, I _____ (**sit**) on a bus.
- 18) I _____ (**enjoy**) my book so much that I _____ (**not/notice**) that the train had stopped.
- 19) David _____ (**not/sleep**) when I _____ (**arrive**) , he _____ (**study**) .
- 20) Mr Black _____ (**not/work**) in the garden at 10pm last night.