PAST CONTINUOUS vs SIMPLE PAST

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES. USE THE PAST CONTINUOUS FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

1. My father *was cooking* (cook) lunch when I **got** home.
2. The plane _____ (fly) to Paris when it **crashed**.
3. The students _____ (wait) for the bus when it **started** to rain.
4. We _____ (cross) the street when the traffic lights **turned** red.
5. Sue _____ (wash) the dishes when the phone **rang**.
6. Mary _____ (slice) the bread when she **cut** her hand.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE IN EACH SENTENCE.

1. Jim **was breaking /** **broke** his leg while he was playing golf.
2. She was **surfing/surfed** when the shark attacked her.
3. While I **had / was taking** a shower, my cell phone rang.
4. Anna **was calling / called** Judy while she was reading a newspaper.
5. Someone **was taking / took** Peter's bag while he was making a phone call.
6. Maria was walking home when a burglar **was stealing / stole** her purse.

PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE SIMPLE PAST OR PAST CONTINUOUS.

1. My father was driving ***(drive)*** his car when a policeman stopped (stop) him.
2. Two boys _____ (play) soccer when the teacer came into the classroom.
3. I _____ (run) to the park when I heard a terrible noise (hear).
4. While Tony _____ (clean) the bathroom, his son w a s shouting in the kitchen.
5. My son was breaking his pencil while he _____ (play) his guitar.
6. I was waiting for my friend when the bus _____ arrive).

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