Past Simple Vs. Past Continuous

We were waiting for the bus when we saw a car accident.



past continuous: were waiting
simple past: saw

Complete the sentences. Use the **PAST CONTINUOUS** form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter _____ (slice) the bread when he **cut** her finger.
2. The children _____ (wait) for the bus when it **started** to rain.
3. I _____ (cook) dinner when my flatmate **got** home.
4. We _____ (cross) the street when the traffic lights **turned** red.
5. My brother _____ (wash) the dishes when the phone **rang**.
6. The plane _____ (fly) to Paris when it **crashed**.

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Choose the correct option.

1. Emma was walking to the gym when a burglar **was stealing / stole** her purse.
2. He **was surfing / surfed** when the shark attaked him.
3. Tom **was calling / called** Judy while she was reading a book.
4. While I **had / was taking** a shower my phone rang.
5. Someone **was taking / took** my father's bag while he was talking to the teacher

Put he verbs in brackets into the **past simple** or **past continuous.**

1. My mother _____ (drive) her car when the police _____ (stop) her.
2. I _____ (run) in the park when I _____ (see) you.
3. The students _____ (play) football when the teacher _____ (come) into the classroom.
4. Mia _____ (break) her pencil while she _____ (do) her homework.
5. I _____ (wait) for my friend when the train _____ (arrive).

Choose **WHILE** or **WHEN.**

1. Jane was doing her homework _____ the lights went out.
2. I had a terrible dream _____ I was sleeping on the sofa.
3. Charlotte found some old pictures _____ she was cleaning her room
4. You called me last night _____ I was having dinner.
5. The students were taking an exam _____ the fire alarm went off.

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