

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 teacher (come) into the classroom.
3. I (run) to the park when I a terrible noise (hear).
4. While Tony (clean) the bathroom, his son (shout) in the kitchen.
5. My son (break) his pencil while he (do) his homework.
6. I (wait) for my friend when the bus (arrive).

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE (WHEN - WHILE).



1. I **had** a bad dream WHILE I was sleeping on the sofa.

2. Karina **was doing** her homework when the lights went out.

3. I **was talking to** my husband **in** the park when two cars crashed behind us.

4. You **called** me last night while I **was studying** for an important exam.

5. My mother **found** some old photographs while she **was cleaning** her room.

6. The students **were doing** an exercise when the bell rang.

