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 has a bad dream ___WHILE____ I was sleeping on the sofa.
2. Karina was doing her homework _____ the lights went out.
3. I was talking to my husband in the park _____ two cars crashed behind us.
4. You called me last night _____ I was studying for an important exam.
5. My mother found some old photographs _____ she was cleaning her room.
6. The students were doing an exercise _____ the bell rang.

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