

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 was flying (fly) to Paris when it **crashed**.
3. The students were waiting (wait) for the bus when it **started** to rain.
4. We were crossing (cross) the street when the traffic lights **turned** red.
5. Sue was washing (wash) the dishes when the phone **rang**.
6. Mary was slicing (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 were playing (**play**) soccer when the teacher came (**come**) into the classroom.
3. I were running (**run**) to the park when I heard (**hear**) a terrible noise.
4. While Tony were cleaning (**clean**) the bathroom, his son shouted (**shout**) in the kitchen.
5. My son broke (**break**) his pencil while he was doing (**do**) his homework.
6. I were waiting (**wait**) for my friend when the bus arrived (**arrive**).

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE (WHEN - WHILE).

1. I **had** a nap 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 when I was studying for an important exam.
5. My mother found some old photographs when she was cleaning her room.
6. The students were doing an exercise when the bell rang.

