

## Past simple vs Past Continuous

Put the verbs into the correct tense

1. While Tom \_\_\_\_\_(read), Amely \_\_\_\_\_(watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin \_\_\_\_\_(come) home, \_\_\_\_\_(switch) on the computer and \_\_\_\_\_(check) his emails.
3. The thief \_\_\_\_\_(sneak) into the house, \_\_\_\_\_(steal) the jewels and \_\_\_\_\_(leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_(listen) while the teacher \_\_\_\_\_(explain) the tenses.
5. While we \_\_\_\_\_(do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends \_\_\_\_\_(lie) on the beach.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_(wake) up and \_\_\_\_\_(look) at his watch.
7. The receptionist \_\_\_\_\_(welcome) the guests and \_\_\_\_\_(ask) them to fill in the form.
8. The car \_\_\_\_\_(break) down and we \_\_\_\_\_(have) to walk home.
9. The boys \_\_\_\_\_(swim) while the girls \_\_\_\_\_(sunbathe).
10. My father \_\_\_\_\_(come) in, \_\_\_\_\_(look) around and \_\_\_\_\_(tell) me to tidy up my room.
11. As one group \_\_\_\_\_(prepare) dinner, the others \_\_\_\_\_(collect) wood for their campfire.
12. While the parents \_\_\_\_\_(have) breakfast, their children \_\_\_\_\_(run).
13. Martha \_\_\_\_\_(turn) off the lights and \_\_\_\_\_(go) to bed.
14. We \_\_\_\_\_(wait) for Jane, when suddenly Louis \_\_\_\_\_(come) around the corner.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_(cycle) through the park, when I \_\_\_\_\_(hear) a strange noise.
16. When he \_\_\_\_\_(pass) her a message, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_(look / not) .
17. I \_\_\_\_\_(fall) asleep while I \_\_\_\_\_(watch) TV last night.
18. Mike and Jane \_\_\_\_\_(paint) the walls when their dog \_\_\_\_\_(knock) over the paint pot.
19. Tom \_\_\_\_\_(break) his leg while he \_\_\_\_\_(play) frisbee.
20. The phone \_\_\_\_\_(ring) when I \_\_\_\_\_(sit) on the toilet.

## Past Simple vs Past Perfect

- 1 We (watch) the film and we had dinner.
- 2 My father (be) annoyed because we hadn't done our homework
- 3 He found a job two years after he (leave) school.
- 4 They (move) before they had their baby.
- 5 My uncle bought a Porsche because he (win) the lottery.
- 6 She was very active and she (not drink) any coffee yesterday.
- 7 We (buy) a new house when the earthquake destroyed our home.
- 8 I (ask) the teacher because I didn't understand the question.
- 9 They (meet) before that day.
- 10 Paul and Tom didn't know each other although they (be) neighbours for ten years.