

PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate form of the Past Simple or Past Continuous Tense.



Tom /take/ a photo when I /not look/.

1. I /cut/ up vegetables in the kitchen when I
..... /hear/ it on the six o'clock news.
2. She /burst/ into tears when she /recognize/
his name.
3. The sun /shine/ brightly when the old man
..... /set/ off from his cottage.
4. What a terrible accident! Steve /drive/ his car when
a bird /fly/ into his windscreen.
5. Why you /laugh/ all through the history lesson yesterday?
6. First she /read/ the advertisement and then she /call/
the company.
7. At eight o'clock yesterday evening the plane /fly/ from Tahiti
to Los Angeles.
8. We /listen/ carefully all the time they
..... /explain/ the plan to us.

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9. Last weekend while Julie /tidy/ her bedroom, she
..... /find/ some of the toys she /have/ when she /be/ a child.
10. As she /cross/ the street, she /slip and fall/.
11. While my mother /cook/ dinner, we /play/ in the garden.
12. We all /sleep/ when some terrible noise /wake/ us up.
13. Yesterday when I /walk/ in the park, I
..... /lose/ my watch.
14. I /wait/ for him quite a long time but he
..... /not come/.
15. Poor Cinderella /have/ to work hard while her step-sisters
..... /have/ fun at the ball.
16. The children /take/ the cake when nobody /look/.
17. Last night Sally /watch/ TV in her bedroom when suddenly
she /hear/ a scream outside.
18. The fishing boat /approach/ the seashore when the tornado
..... /begin/.
19. I /think/ about their offer all night but I
..... /not take/ any decision.
20. I /not can/ hear the bell because the radio /play/
really loudly.
21. The aeroplane /catch/ the fire just when it
..... /take/ off.
22. The lights /go/ out when we /discuss/
the plans for the following morning.
23. Professor Ward /give/ the lecture when the students'
riots /begin/.
24. One of my worst memories from last winter holidays was when I /run/
out of petrol while I /drive/ along a snowy mountain road in the evening.
25. A/ What you /do/ between 5 and 7 o'clock
yesterday? – the policeman asked.
B/ I /sit/ in the Red Lion Pub with lots of other people – answered Jim.
26. He /peep/ through the keyhole when the door suddenly
..... /open/