

Practice 1: Past simple or continuous

1. When Jeremy _____ (arrive) at the meeting, his colleagues _____ (talk) about the project.
2. _____ she _____ (send) you the message yesterday?
3. While I _____ (rake) the leaves in the garden, my partner _____ (clean) the roofs.
4. When she _____ (open) the window she _____ (see) some children who _____ (pick) her flowers from her garden.
5. When I _____ (notice) the strange couple in the street, I _____ (call) the police and _____ (report) them.
6. Columbus _____ (sail) the Atlantic Ocean when he _____ (reach) the shores of North America.
7. My children _____ (not sleep) at 10:30 p.m. last night.
8. While Lynn _____ (check) her answers, the teacher _____ (call) for the students to turn the tests in.
9. At 1 p.m. yesterday my parents _____ (fly) across Asia towards Australia.