

I was doing and I did (Past Continuous and Simple Past)



Eric was reading
a book.



The phone rang.



He stopped reading.



He answered the
phone.

A Use the Past Simple and the Past Continuous to make sentences from the words in brackets ().

- (The police/arrive/while/I/have/breakfast)

The police arrived while I was having breakfast.

- 1 (The storm/start/while/they/drive/home)

- 2 (I/see/an accident/while/I/wait/for the bus)

- 3 (Mary/go/to several concerts/while/she/stay/in London)

- (I/have/breakfast/when/the police/arrive)

I was having breakfast when the police arrived.

- 4 (My father/cook/the dinner/when/he/burn/his fingers)

- 5 (The soldiers/prepare/to leave/when/the bomb/explode)

C A policewoman is interviewing Mary Croft about last Friday evening. Look at the pictures and complete the conversation. Use the Past Simple or the Past Continuous of the words in brackets ().



Policewoman: What time (►) did you get..... (you/get) home from work?

Mary: At about six o'clock.

Policewoman: And what (1)..... (you/do) after you got home?

Mary: I read the newspaper.

Policewoman: Did anything happen while (2)..... (read) the paper?

Mary: Yes, the phone (3)..... (ring).

Policewoman: What (4)..... (you/do) when your husband came home?

Mary: I was watching TV, and I (5)..... (drink) a cup of coffee.

Policewoman: Did you and your husband stay at home?

Mary: No, I (6)..... (drink) my coffee. Then I put on my raincoat, and we (7)..... (go) out at seven o'clock.

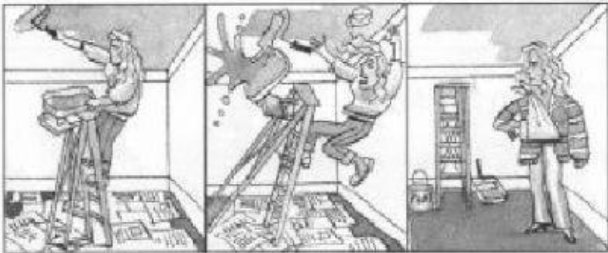
Policewoman: Why (8)..... (you/put) your raincoat on?

Mary: Because it (9)..... (rain), of course.

14.2 Put the verb in the past continuous or simple past.

1. A: What were you doing (you / do) when the phone rang (ring)?
B: I was watching (watch) television.
2. A: Was Tracy busy when you went to see her?
B: Yes, she _____ (study).
3. A: What time _____ (the mail / come) this morning?
B: It _____ (come) while I _____ (have) breakfast.
4. A: Was Megan at work today?
B: No, she _____ (not / go) to work. She was sick.
5. A: How fast _____ (you / drive) when the police _____ (stop) you?
B: I don't know exactly, but I _____ (not / drive) very fast.
6. A: _____ (your team / win) the baseball game yesterday?
B: No, the weather was very bad, so we _____ (not / play).
7. A: How _____ (you / break) the window?
B: We _____ (play) baseball. I _____ (hit) the ball, and it _____ (break) the window.
8. A: _____ (you / see) Judy last night?
B: Yes, she _____ (wear) a long dress.
9. A: What _____ (you / do) at 2 o'clock this morning?
B: I was asleep.
10. A: I _____ (lose) my key last night.
B: How _____ (you / get) into your apartment?
A: I _____ (climb) in through a window.

14.1 Look at the pictures. Put the verbs in the past continuous or simple past.

1.  Linda broke (break) her arm last week. It _____ (happen) when she _____ (paint) her room. She _____ (fall) off the ladder.
2.  The train _____ (arrive) at the station, and Paula _____ (get) off. Two friends of hers, John and Jenny, _____ (wait) to meet her.
3.  Yesterday Sue _____ (walk) down the street when she _____ (meet) Jim. He _____ (go) home, and he _____ (carry) a bag. They _____ (stop) to talk for a few minutes.