

Past Progressive and Past Simple

A. Choose the correct ending.

1. Diane was going down the stairs
 - a. when she was falling down
 - b. when she fell down
2. The students were listening to music
 - a. because the teacher arrived
 - b. when the teacher arrived
3. Harry was feeling sick
 - a. because he was eating a lot.
 - b. because he ate a lot.
4. The men were walking in the woods
 - a. When they saw the bear
 - b. when they were seeing the bear
5. Norma fell down
 - a. Because she wore high heel shoes
 - b. because she was wearing high heel shoes.

B. Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use the past progressive in one part and the past tense in the other.

1. I _____ (sleep) when my cousin from England _____ (phone) me.
2. Ryan _____ (practice) the guitar when one of the guitar strings _____ (break).
3. They _____ (swim) in the lake when it _____ (start) raining.
4. When the ambulance _____ (arrive), the doctor _____ (take) a rest.
5. We _____ (watch) a movie when the telephone _____ (ring).

C. Write sentences. Use the past progressive in the first part and the past tense in the second part.

Example: The sun / shine // when / I / leave / the house

The sun was shining when I left the house

1. The student / write / a report // when / the computer / crash

2. I / look for / my boots in the closet // when / I / find / my old jeans

3. The children / sleep // when / I / look / into their room
