

Past Simple or Past Continuous

Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verb given.

1. I _____ (see) my old friend in town the other day. He _____ (seem) to ignore me and _____ (look) somewhere else.
2. The teacher _____ (take) a photo of us while we _____ (climb) up the tree.
3. We _____ (meet) Martha at the airport last week. She _____ (wait) for the arrival of her sister while we _____ (travel) to New York.
4. He _____ (correct) exam papers when I _____ (visit) him.
5. A man _____ (fall) on the road while I _____ (ride) my bike. Luckily, I _____ (manage) not to crash into him.
6. We _____ (sail) a few miles off the coast when a horrible thunderstorm _____ (come) up. We _____ (have) to get to safety as soon as possible.
7. I haven't seen him for ages. When I last _____ (see) him, he _____ (look) for a new job.
8. While the two teams _____ (warm) up everyone _____ (wave) a flag. It _____ (be) a very emotional moment.
9. I _____ (walk) down a dark alley when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps. I _____ (turn) around and _____ (see) that an old woman with a dog _____ (follow) me.
10. Mom _____ (prepare) dinner when we _____ (get) home from football practice.
11. When I _____ (be) young, I always _____ (want) to be a pilot.
12. Last Sunday afternoon I _____ (go) for a walk in the park and _____ (have) a cup of coffee at a local restaurant.
13. When they _____ (get) to the airport the plane _____ (take) off. 14. I _____ (sit) on a bench in the park when a man _____ (come) up to me and _____ (want) to know what time it _____ (be).
15. I _____ (lie) in the bath when the phone _____ (ring). It _____ (stop) after a few rings.
16. It _____ (be) cold when we _____ (leave) the house that day.