

Worksheet

Verb tenses

Past Simple & Past Continuous



❖ Fill in the blanks with the past simple or the past continuous:

1. When I _____ (arrive) the teacher _____ (write) the summary.
2. He _____ (cross) the road when I _____ (see) him.
3. Why _____ (they / shout) at you when I _____ (wake up)?
4. They _____ (fix) the computer when I _____ (open) the door.
5. _____ (Mary / break) her leg while she _____ (skate)?
6. I _____ (sleep) when she _____ (knock) on the door.
7. When I _____ (see) Jim at the disco he _____ (not / talk) to the DJ.
8. I _____ (watch) a film on TV when the electricity _____ (go) out.
9. The Titanic _____ (not / cross) the Pacific Ocean when it _____ (strike) an iceberg.
10. Paul _____ (not / fall) while he _____ (run) away.
11. Carol _____ (fall) asleep while she _____ (read) a book.
12. While my father _____ (drive) home, he _____ (not / answer) his mobile phone.

★ USE YOUR IMAGINATION. WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN THIS HAPPEND?

THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION _____

THERE WAS A ROBBERY _____

THE PHONE RANG _____

I WON THE LOTTERY _____