

Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part 1: The Language of Love (Multiple Choice)

1. I _____ my homework when the lights suddenly went out.
A) finish B) was finishing C) finished D) were finishing
2. While she _____ for the bus, it started to rain heavily.
A) waited B) waits C) was waiting
D) were waiting for the bus, it started to rain heavily.
3. The phone rang while we _____ dinner.
A) had B) were having C) was having D) are having
4. When the teacher entered the classroom, the students _____ loudly.
A) were talking B) talked C) was talking D) talk
5. I _____ a loud crash while I was walking down the street.
A) were hearing B) hear C) heard
D) hearing

Grammar Note: Use "When" for interrupting actions (Simple Past) and "While" for ongoing background actions (Past Continuous)

Part 2: Completing the Story (Gap Filling)

1. They _____ (play) football when it started to thunder.
2. While my mother _____ (cook) lunch, I was setting the table.
The phone _____ (ring).
3. I _____ (see) an old friend while I was waiting for the train.
4. When the alarm clock _____ (go) off, he was having a beautiful dream.
5. What _____ (you/do) when the accident happened?