

Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Name: _____ Date: _____

♥ Part 1: The Language of Love (Multiple Choice) ♥

- I _____ my homework when the lights suddenly went out.
A) finish B) was finishing C) finished D) were finishing
- 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.
- The phone rang while we _____ dinner.
A) had B) were having C) was having D) are having
- When the teacher entered the classroom, the students _____ loudly.
A) were talking B) talked C) was talking D) talk
- 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) ♥

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