

Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Part 1: Choose the correct option.

Instructions: Read the sentence and select the correct verb form from the dropdown menu.

1. While I _____ for my exam, my brother turned on the loud music.
2. Suddenly, the phone _____ while we were having dinner.
3. They _____ to school when it started to rain heavily.
4. When the teacher walked into the classroom, the students _____ loudly.
5. I _____ an old friend yesterday while I was waiting for the bus.
6. She fell asleep while she _____ her book last night.

Part 2: Match the sentence halves.

Instructions: Drag the past event fragment on the left and drop it onto the correct blank space on the right to complete the logical sequence.

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| • when she dropped her phone. | He accidentally burned his finger
_____ |
| • while they were driving to the beach. | The car suddenly broke down
_____ |
| • when the lights went out. | She was taking a selfie
_____ |
| • while they were playing football. | We were watching a scary movie
_____ |
| • when a loud noise woke him up. | It suddenly started to rain
_____ |
| • while he was cooking lunch. | The baby was sleeping
_____ |