

Simple Past vs Past Progressive

1. At 6:00 P.M., Bob sat down at the table and began to eat. At 6:05, Bob (eat) _____ dinner.
2. While Bob (eat) _____, dinner, Ann (come) _____ through the door.
3. In other words, when Ann (come) _____ through the door, Bob (eat) _____ dinner.
4. Bob went to bed at 10:30. At 11:00 Bob (sleep) _____.
5. While Bob (sleep) _____, the phone (ring) _____.
6. In other words, when the phone (ring) _____, Bob (sleep) _____.
7. Bob left his house at 8:00 A.M. and (begin) _____ to walk to class.
8. While he (walk) _____ to class, he (see) _____ Mrs. Smith.
9. When Bob (see) _____ Mrs. Smith, she (stand) _____ on her front porch.
10. Mrs. Smith (wave) _____ at Bob when she (see) _____ him.

Passage 2

Kartika and Dalene (6) _____ (bake) some pineapple tarts together as they (7) _____ (learn) it at the community center last week. After that, they (8) _____ (divide) the pastries between themselves. Their family and friends (9) _____ (find) the pineapple tarts to be very delicious and order (10) _____ (start) coming in.

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of simple past or past progressive

Yesterday, Toshi (sit) _____ (1) at his desk and (study) _____ (2) his grammar book. His roommate, Oscar, (sit) _____ (3) at his desk, but he (study, not) _____ (4) He (stare) _____ (5) out the window. He (watch) _____ (6) bicyclists on the street below.

Toshi (walk) _____ (7) over the window. Oscar (point) _____ (8) out one bicyclist in particular. This bicyclist (steer) _____ (9) with one hand while he (drink) _____ (10) a soda with the other. At the same time, he (weaver) _____ (11) in and out of the heavy traffic. To Oscar, the bicyclist (seem) _____ (12) fearless.

Oscar (learn, never) _____ (13) how to ride a bike when he (be) _____ (14) a child, so Toshi (offer) _____ (15) to teach him. Oscar (accept) _____ (16) gladly.