

Exercise - Simple Past vs Past Continuous

Student's name: _____

A. Analyze each sentence. Put the verb in the correct form: Simple Past or Past Continuous.

1. I was reading the newspaper while I (wait)_____ for my plane.
2. I (not/work)_____ when my boss walked in my office: I was on Facebook.
3. I saw a car accident when I (wait)_____ for the taxi.
4. Tom (have) _____ long hair and a beard when he was at university.
5. It was snowing while I (drive)_____ to work.
6. What (you/do)_____ on December 24 last year?
7. I (not/call) _____ you at 10 am because I was having a meeting.
8. I (sleep) _____ when my wife left for work this morning.
9. Why did you bring your umbrella? _____ (it/rain) when you left home?
10. The last time I _____ (see) Mrs Brown, she was watering the flowers.

B. In each case, analyze the sentence and the meaning. Is the meaning TRUE or FALSE?

➤ Write **TRUE** or **FALSE**

1. Sentence → When our friends arrived, we ate lunch.

Meaning → Our friends arrived before lunch. _____

2. Sentence→ While we were talking on the phone, I was driving to school.

Meaning → We finished the conversation then I drove to school. _____

3. Sentence→ Laura heard about the accident while she was driving home.

Meaning → Laura knew about the accident exactly when she got home. _____

5. Sentence→ When they left the theater, it started to rain.

Meaning → It was raining while they were in the theater. _____

6. Sentence → When Sarah got to school, her class was taking a test.

Meaning → Sarah was late for the test. _____