

Past Simple / Past Continuous (2)

1.- Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets into the correct tense Past Simple or Past Continuous.



- 1.- It _____ (snow) when I _____ (leave) home this morning.
- 2.- It was a sunny afternoon and people _____ (sit) on the grass in the park. Then suddenly it _____ (start) to rain.
- 3.- A: I tried to explain my problem to her.
B: _____ (she/listen)?
- 4.- My brother _____ (talk) on the phone when I arrived, but when he _____ (see) me, he _____ (finish) the call. Perhaps he thought that I _____ (listen) to his conversation.
- 5.- I nearly had an accident today. A car _____ (come) towards me, but I moved quickly out of the way and fortunately nothing _____ (happen).
- 6.- A: Which hotel _____ (you/stay) in when you lost your passport?
B: I don't remember. I _____ (visit) many places during my European tour and I _____ (stay) in many different hotels.
- 7.- I _____ (move) to Hastings in 1999. I _____ (live) there when I met them.
- 8.- _____ (many people / wait) for the 9:15 bus last night?
- 9.- I _____ (dance) with my girlfriend when the disc jockey played our favourite song.
- 10.- I _____ (study) grammar when I _____ (fall) asleep.
- 11.- The scientists _____ (work) in their laboratory when they _____ (discover) the new drug.
- 12.- We _____ (climb) the wall when the gardener _____ (see) us.
- 13.- Vicky _____ (have) a beautiful dream when the alarm clock _____ (ring)
- 14.- As he _____ (run) for the bus he _____ (collide) with a street lamp.
- 15.- When he _____ (carry) a suitcase, he _____ (drop) it on his foot.
- 16.- _____ (you / do) your homework on the bus while you _____ (come) to school?
- 17.- The students _____ (read) the article when the last class _____ (finish).
- 18.- When I _____ (arrive) at the cinema, my friends _____ (wait) for me.
- 19.- _____ (you / listen) to the teacher when she _____ (explain) this exercise?
- 20.- Susan _____ (play) the piano while Mary _____ (sing).





ANSWER KEY

- 1.- was snowing / left
- 2.- were sitting / started
- 3.- was she listening?
- 4.- was talking on the phone / saw / finished
- 5.- was coming / moved / happened
- 6.- were you staying
- 7.- moved / was living
- 8.- Were many people waiting
- 9.- was dancing
- 10.- was studying / fell asleep
- 11.- were working / discovered
- 12.- were climbing / saw
- 13.- was having / rang
- 14.- was running / collided
- 15.- was carrying / dropped
- 16.- Did you do / you were coming
- 17.- were reading / finished
- 18.- arrived / were waiting
- 19.- were you listening / explained
- 20.- was playing the piano / was singing