

Past Simple or Past Continuous

Worksheet 2

Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses using the **SIMPLE PAST** or the **PAST PROGRESSIVE**:

1. Christine _____ (eat) dinner last night when you _____ (knock) on the door.
2. I _____ (begin) to study at nine last night and I _____ (still / study) at eleven.
3. When Jack _____ (drop by) to visit me, I _____ (have) dinner.
4. Did your parents call you last night while you _____ (watch) TV?
5. When Sam _____ (finish) his assignment I _____ (talk) to my friend on the phone.
6. Yesterday Alicia and Gaby _____ (go) to the cinema; yet, I stayed at home to finish my project.
7. As we _____ (travel) from Paris to Brussels we _____ (stop) at a small restaurant to get something to eat.
8. While I _____ (try) to repair the leaking roof, I _____ (fall) down.
9. My brother _____ (be born) in Lisbon in 1986.
10. I _____ (graduate) from Oxford in 1997.

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Answers:

1. Christine **was eating** dinner last night when you **knocked** on the door.
2. I **began** to study at nine last night and I **was still studying** at eleven.
3. When Jack **dropped** by to visit me, I **was having** dinner.
4. Did your parents call you last night while you **were watching** TV?
5. When Sam **finished** his assignment I **was talking** to my friend on the phone.
6. Yesterday Alicia and Gaby **went** to the cinema; yet, I stayed at home to finish my project.
7. As we **were travelling** from Paris to Brussels we **stopped** at a small restaurant to get something to eat.
8. While I **was trying** to repair the leaking roof, I **fell** down.
9. My brother **was born** in Lisbon in 1986.
10. I **graduated** from Oxford in 1997.