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.
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 ___________ (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