

## 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