



Past Simple and Past Continuous Test

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets using the correct tense: Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. She _____ (read) a book when the phone _____ (ring).
2. They _____ (watch) a movie when the power _____ (go) out.
3. A: What _____ (you/do) when the teacher _____ (enter) the room?
B: I _____ (write) notes.
4. The sun _____ (set) when we _____ (reach) the beach.
5. I _____ (walk) in the park when it suddenly _____ (start) to rain.
6. A: Where _____ (you/be) last night?
B: I _____ (attend) a concert.
7. The dog _____ (bark) when the mailman _____ (arrive).
8. _____ (you/hear) the news when it _____ (break)?
9. She _____ (take) a shower when the doorbell _____ (ring).
10. We _____ (eat) dinner when the guests _____ (arrive).
11. The children _____ (play) outside when their mother _____ (call) them.
12. I _____ (listen) to music when my friend _____ (text) me.
13. He _____ (sleep) when the alarm _____ (go) off.
14. As she _____ (cross) the street, she _____ (drop) her purse.
15. When they _____ (arrive) at the station, the train _____ (leave).
16. _____ (you/see) the accident when it _____ (happen)?
17. The students _____ (discuss) the project when the class _____ (end).
18. When I _____ (enter) the room, everyone _____ (look) at me.
19. _____ (you/know) the answer when the teacher _____ (ask) the question?
20. He _____ (write) an email while she _____ (cook) dinner.



Answer

1. was reading / rang
2. were watching / went
3. were you doing / entered
B: was writing
4. was setting / reached
5. was walking / started
6. were you / attended
7. was barking / arrived
8. Did you hear / broke
9. was taking / rang
10. were eating / arrived
11. were playing / called
12. was listening / texted
13. was sleeping / went
14. was crossing / dropped
15. arrived / had left
16. Did you see / happened
17. were discussing / ended
18. entered / was looking
19. Did you know / asked
20. was writing / was cooking