

## Past Simple or Past Continuous Exercise 2

Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
3. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the post office, \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some fruit at the supermarket and \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book in the park in the afternoon.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a loud noise.
5. Julie \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the garden when Laurence \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
6. A: What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) at 3pm yesterday?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) my house.
7. Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris and Rome.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the police \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the door.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden when he \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the money.
10. Laura \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at 11pm last night.

11. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the road when I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend.
12. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a day in December. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ (fall), children \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) carols and people \_\_\_\_\_ (do) their Christmas shopping.
13. My ex-boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so annoying! He \_\_\_\_\_ (always / miss) the bus and \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late.
14. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Julie, she \_\_\_\_\_ (work).
15. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / cry) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?
16. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home, we started to eat dinner.
17. At 10am yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a bus.
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) my book so much that I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / notice) the train had stopped.
19. David \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), he \_\_\_\_\_ (study)!
20. Mr Black \_\_\_\_\_ (not / work) in the garden at 10pm last night.

## Answers to Past Simple or Past Continuous Exercise 2

1. He was sleeping when the doorbell rang.
2. We were eating dinner at 8pm last night.
3. Yesterday I went to the post office, bought some fruit at the supermarket and read a book in the park in the afternoon.
4. We were watching TV when we heard a loud noise.
5. Julie was in the garden when Laurence arrived.
6. A: What were you doing at 3pm yesterday?  
B: I was cleaning my house.
7. Last year I visited Paris and Rome.
8. They were having dinner when the police came to the door.
9. He was working in the garden when he found the money.
10. Laura was studying at 11pm last night.
11. I was walking along the road when I met an old friend.
12. It was a day in December. Snow was falling, children were singing carols and people were doing their Christmas shopping.
13. My ex-boyfriend was so annoying! He was always missing the bus and arriving late.
14. When I called Julie, she was working.
15. Why were you crying when I arrived?
16. When he got home, we started to eat dinner.
17. At 10am yesterday I was sitting on a bus.
18. I was enjoying my book so much that I didn't notice the train had stopped.
19. David wasn't sleeping when I arrived, he was studying!
20. Mr Black wasn't working in the garden at 10pm last night.