

Simple past vs Past continuous

Complete with simple past or past continuous.

1. We _____ (play) volleyball with Mary, when you _____ (call) me.
2. When the teacher _____ (come) in, they _____ (study) English.
3. The baby _____ (sleep) when the telephone _____ (ring).
4. As I _____ (walk) in the streets of Holland, I _____ (meet) an old friend of mine.
5. I _____ (lose) my car keys.
6. I was looking for my purse when I _____ (drop) my credit card.
7. My uncle _____ (take) me to the airport yesterday.
8. She _____ (dance) when she hurt her ankle.
9. It _____ (rain) heavily when I got up.
10. I _____ (see) the thief while he _____ (get) into my neighbor's house.
11. I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
12. My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
13. We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____, (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
14. My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
15. My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
16. While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
17. When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
18. When you _____ (see) Paul, he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
19. I _____ (try) to log on when the WiFi _____ (stop) working.
20. While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.