

### Past Simple vs Past Progressive

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: either Past Simple or Past Progressive.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (break) her leg while she \_\_\_\_\_ (ski).
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
4. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a cat in a tree.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football when it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to snow.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when the power \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the kitchen while my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework.
9. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) loudly when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in.
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) her phone while she \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to catch the bus.
11. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner, the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me a question.
13. When the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the building.

14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) too fast when he \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) the tree.
15. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) because it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) hungry.
16. As I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the book, I \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep.
17. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not answer).
18. They \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) their bikes when the storm \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).
19. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my keys while I \_\_\_\_\_ (run) in the park.
20. While Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (cook), Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (set) the table.
21. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) loudly when the mailman \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
22. I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a wallet while I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to work.
23. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test when the internet \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working.
24. She \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) the car because he \_\_\_\_\_ (text) on his phone.

## Past Simple vs Past Progressive – With Answers

1. I **was watching** TV when the phone **rang**.
2. She **broke** her leg while she **was skiing**.
3. We **did not go** out because it **was raining**.
4. While I **was walking** to school, I **saw** a cat in a tree.
5. He **was sleeping** when I **arrived** home.
6. They **were playing** football when it suddenly **started** to snow.
7. What **were you doing** when the power **went out**?
8. I **was cleaning** the kitchen while my brother **was doing** his homework.
9. The students **were talking** loudly when the teacher **came** in.
10. She **dropped** her phone while she **was running** to catch the bus.
11. While we **were having** dinner, the lights **went off**.
12. I **was not listening** when the teacher **asked** me a question.
13. When the fire alarm **rang**, everyone **left** the building.
14. He **was driving** too fast when he **hit** the tree.

15. The baby was crying because it was hungry.
16. As I was reading the book, I fell asleep.
17. When I called her, she did not answer.
18. They were riding their bikes when the storm began.
19. I lost my keys while I was running in the park.
20. While Tom was cooking, Sarah was setting the table.
21. The dog was barking loudly when the mailman arrived.
22. I found a wallet while I was walking to work.
23. We were studying for the test when the internet stopped working.
24. She was taking a shower when the phone rang.
25. He did not see the car because he was texting on his phone.