



## Past Simple or the Past Continuous?

Choose the past simple or past continuous.

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) when I \_\_\_\_\_  
(call) you last night?
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a café when you \_\_\_\_\_  
(call).
3. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the party, who  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) there?
4. Susie \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film when she  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the noise.
5. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the library, next I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a swim, later I \_\_\_\_\_  
(meet) Julie for a coffee.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis when John  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) his ankle.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they / do) at 10pm last night? It  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) really noisy.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower when the telephone  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the shower when the telephone  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
10. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the room, everyone  
\_\_\_\_\_ (work).
11. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a day last September. The sun  
\_\_\_\_\_ (shine), the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend.
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Russia when the Revolution  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start).
13. When her train \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the station, we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) on the platform.



14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so annoying! He \_\_\_\_\_  
(always / leave) his things everywhere.
15. On holiday we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Rome,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the Vatican, and \_\_\_\_\_  
(spend) a few days at the beach.
16. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / stand) on a chair when I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (come) into the room?
17. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Germany when they  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) young.
18. At 7pm yesterday, we \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.
19. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house, it  
\_\_\_\_\_ (snow).
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank when he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his wife.