

PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

A) CHOOSE THE CORRECT TENSE

1. Anthony **called/was calling** while I **parked/was parking** the car.
2. Miranda **drove/was driving** to work when she **saw/was seeing** the accident.
3. Thomas **didn't watch/wasn't watching** the film when Sonia arrived home.
4. **Did he work/was he working** at 5.30 p.m. yesterday?
5. As I **left/was leaving** the office, the phone **rang/was ringing**.
6. It **snowed/was snowing** in the mountains when we got up yesterday.
7. Barbara **was living/lived** in Paris when she was 15 years old.
8. I **was reading/read** a book while you **slept/were sleeping**.
9. While David **was recovering/recovered** in hospital, I decorated the flat.
10. It **was getting/got** dark when she got back home.

B) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Yesterday at 9.30 p.m. my parents (sit) in the garden with their guests.
2. First I (make) my bed and then I (clean) the bathroom.
3. Somebody (knock) on the door while I (lie) on the sofa.
4. As they (travel) on the plane, they (hit) an air pocket.
5. William (not meet) Sally at the airport last Sunday.
6. Jerry (have) dinner when the lights (go) out.
7. The girl (wake up) feeling ill so she (not go) to work.
8. When I (arrive) at the wedding, Miriam (introduce) me to some friends.
9. Sarah (run) to catch the bus when she (fall) down and (break) her ankle.
10. Richard (teach) at the university when he (meet) his wife.