

3. "What (you/do) last weekend?" "I (paint) the bedrooms while Tom (redecorate) the walls in the living room."
4. I (just / open) the letter when the door bell (ring).
5. He suddenly (realise) that he (travel) in the wrong direction.
6. What (you/do) when I (see) you last night?
7. He (come) to my office when a car (knock) him down.
8. He (go) home when the accident (happen).
9. (they/sleep) when the fire (start)?
10. She (run) to catch the train as it (rain) heavily.
11. Everyone in the room (work) except Jim, who (talk) on the phone.
12. When they (arrive), I (just/leave) so we didn't have time to say much.
13. While he (paint) the living room, he (fall) off the ladder and (break) his arm.
14. Last summer when I first met him, he (study) architecture.
15. Mr Smith (dig) the garden when the postman (arrive).
16. I (listen) to some records when my sister (come) in.
17. He (promise) to help me but he (not/keep) his word.
18. Catherine (drive) to her office when she (see) an old friend of hers walking down the street.
19. I (have) a bath when the telephone (ring).
20. While she (drive), the car (break) down.

36. Put the verbs in brackets into the "Simple Past" or "Past Continuous".

She (open) the window and (look) outside. She (see) some children who (play) in the school yard across the street. In fact it (be) they who had woken her up. They (make) all kinds of noises. She (shut) the window and (make) her way towards the kitchen. As she (pass) the dining-room door she (hear) voices and she (look) inside. She (see) that her parents (have) breakfast. She (say) "Good morning" and (head) for the bathroom. While she (have) a shower she (think) about her day. She (have) a lot of things to do. Later as she (have) breakfast, she (read) the morning mail. One of the letters (be) from her boyfriend, who (study) biology abroad. She (open) it, anxious to read his news. While she (read) it, she (get) upset. She (put) the letter on the table and she (walk) across to the dining-room window. Her mother (come) into the room. She (ask) her what was wrong but she (not/get) an answer. Then she (notice) the letter on the table. She (realise) that this must have been the cause of her daughter's behaviour. She (take) it and (read) it only to find out that the man who her daughter (love), (have) a car accident and (go) to spend the whole month in hospital abroad. As she approached her daughter who (stand) by the window she (see) that her daughter (cry).

37. Use "used to", "be/get used to" or "Simple Past" to fill in the blanks.

1. When my grandfather was young, he (swim) five miles every day.
2. We (get up) very late when we were on holiday.