



# Past Simple vs. Past Continuous 2

Fill in the gaps with the correct form (past simple or past continuous) of the verbs.

1. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the exam, my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie.
2. When the clock \_\_\_\_\_ (strike) midnight, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) and hugged.
3. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus, it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (start) raining.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) a barbecue when a swarm of bees \_\_\_\_\_ (attack) them.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) anything because I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) too nervous.
6. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the forest, we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) strange noises.
7. When the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the classroom, the students \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) loudly.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not notice) that his dog \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) until he got home.
9. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games, their parents \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) dinner.
10. When the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower.
11. While the band \_\_\_\_\_ (not perform) on stage, the crowd \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) anxiously.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book when my cat \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) the glass off the table.
13. They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the pool when it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to thunder.
14. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the house, she \_\_\_\_\_ (find) an old photograph.
15. As I \_\_\_\_\_ (attempt) to bake a cake, the flour bag \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) it had to burst.

## Answers

1. was studying / were watching
2. struck / cheered
3. was waiting / started
4. were enjoying / attacked
5. (did not / didn't) eat / felt
6. were walking / heard
7. entered / were talking
8. (did not / didn't) notice / was missing
9. were playing / were preparing
10. rang / was taking
11. (was not / wasn't) performing / was waiting
12. was reading / knocked
13. were swimming / began
14. was cleaning / found
15. was attempting / decided