

## The Past Continuous Tense or The Past Simple Tense Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

1. What \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ at ten yesterday?
- A) did / did  
B) were / doing  
C) did / doing  
D) was / did
2. Laura \_\_\_ a glass while she \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes.
- A) was breaking / was washing  
B) was breaking / washed  
C) broke / washed  
D) broke / was washing
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ my primary school teacher while I was shopping.
- A) meet  
B) met  
C) was meeting  
D) was met
4. He was having dinner \_\_\_ the phone rang.
- A) when  
B) after  
C) because  
D) before
5. What \_\_\_ you do when you saw the accident yesterday morning?
- A) are  
B) were  
C) did  
D) do
6. I \_\_\_ a monkey in the park while I was walking to work.
- A) see  
B) saw  
C) did see  
D) was seeing
7. Jason was studying English \_\_\_ he heard a strange noise.
- A) after  
B) when  
C) what  
D) that
8. Princess Diana \_\_\_ in a car crash when she was only 36 years old.
- A) die  
B) died  
C) was dying  
D) dies
9. While my mother was cooking dinner, I \_\_\_ the table in the dining room.
- A) don't set  
B) was set  
C) am setting  
D) was setting
10. We were \_\_\_ to music while they were playing football.
- A) listen  
B) listened  
C) listens  
D) listening
11. A: What \_\_\_ when he fell in the lake?  
B: I \_\_\_ on the phone.
- A) did you do / talked  
B) did you do / was talking  
C) were you doing / talked  
D) were you doing / was talking
12. Sue \_\_\_ an old bracelet while she \_\_\_ the attic.
- A) find / is cleaning  
B) found / was cleaning  
C) founded / cleaned  
D) finded / was cleaning
13. The postman knocked the door \_\_\_\_\_ we were having a party
- A) while  
B) where  
C) what  
D) that
14. A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ this morning?  
B: She \_\_\_\_\_ her finger while she \_\_\_\_\_ the salad.
- A) did she cry / was cutting / prepared  
B) did she cry / cut / prepared  
C) was she crying/ was cutting/ was preparing  
D) was she crying / cut / was preparing
15. My mother \_\_\_ all my clothes last weekend.
- A) did wash  
B) was washing  
C) were washing  
D) washed



## The Past Continuous Tense or The Past Simple Tense Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

16. Mary was sleeping \_\_\_ the phone rang.

- A) when
- B) but
- C) then
- D) that

www.english-test-online.com



By visiting the link below, you can access the online version of this test and see the most recent updates.

<https://www.english-test-online.com/the-past-continuous-tense-or-the-past-simple-tense-test-a1-a2-level-exercises/>

## The Past Continuous Tense or The Past Simple Tense Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

### Answer Key:

- |      |       |
|------|-------|
| 1: B | 9: D  |
| 2: D | 10: D |
| 3: B | 11: D |
| 4: A | 12: B |
| 5: C | 13: A |
| 6: B | 14: D |
| 7: B | 15: D |
| 8: B | 16: A |

www.englishtestsonline.com



By visiting the link below, you can access the online version of this test and see the most recent updates.

<https://www.englishtestsonline.com/the-past-continuous-tense-or-the-past-simple-tense-test-a1-a2-level-exercises/>