**How to differentiate between Past Simple and Past Continuous:**

**Past Simple** ---------------------- While --------------------- **Past Continuous**

**Past Continuous** ---------------- When --------------------- **Past Simple**

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**En oraciones con dos verbos:** (En el caso de que no haya while, when o as, otros dos trucos)

En el caso de que los verbos ocurran al mismo tiempo se usará Past Continuous. Suele usarse “at the same time”, “and” para indicar otra acción que estuvieses haciendo en ese momento.

* We were playing cards and at the same time, my parents were cooking.

En el caso de que los verbos ocurran de forma continua, se usará Past Simple. Suele usarse en este caso “then”, “afterwards”, “later on”… Adverbios que signifiquen después o más tarde.

* This morning, first I brushed my teeth and then I took a shower.

**En otros casos menos evidentes:**

Tienes que seguir las normas de cada tiempo verbal. Se muestran a continuación.

**When to use Past Simple:**

Momentos en concreto del pasado que ocurrieron en un momento en concreto y que por tanto ya terminaron. Suele aparecer con adverbios de tiempo como “yesterday”, “last year”, “the month before”, “ago”, o también fechas (que no vayan acompañadas de since o for).

* In 2013 I bought the house I currently live in.

Con verbos estáticos, ya que no suele usarse el continuo con estos verbos. Estos son algunos ejemplos de verbos estáticos: want, need, require, like, hate, dislike, taste, smell.

* I really wanted to take a nap

Para situaciones rutinarias del pasado, es decir, que ocurrieron varias veces.

* When I was a boy, I walked a mile to school every day.

Para situaciones que fueron ciertas durante un tiempo en el pasado.

* I lived abroad for ten years.

**When to use Past Continuous:**

Para acciones del pasado que han llevado un tiempo.

* I was playing videogames for a long time.

Para acciones que ocurrieron antes de otra acción. Este es el motivo por el que past continuous se usa antes de when

* I was watching TV when my mom called.

Para cuando usemos verbos que indiquen cambio o crecimiento. Estos son algunos posibles verbos: grow, improve, change.

* The children were growing up really fast.

Para acciones que se repitieron en el pasado una y otra vez

* I was practising every day, three times a day.

**Choose between Past simple and Past continuous.**

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call) you after school?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a plate while you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook)?

Georgia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) me because she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.

We left late so it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) dark when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) home.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) Shannon while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) any nice jeans while you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shop)?

**Choose between past simple and past continuous:**

She ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) her new jacket when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) her.

I got up at seven and then I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a big breakfast.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to the restaurant yesterday?

She ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit)on a chair and watching TV.

When ­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (she / start) learning English? – Five years ago.

Mr. Brown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower when I knocked his door.

While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at the hospital, the nurses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take care) of me.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) soccer when it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) raining.

While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean), I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) some biodegradable bags.

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me for help, but I was busy because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) homework.

**Choose between Past simple and Past continuous**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the neighbourhood when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) her

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast at 8 am this morning

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) eggs and bacon

Andrew Wiggins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) “Ender” two years ago

While I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) football, my mom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) us supper

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) your dad in 1990

I couldn’t help, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in that moment

Sorry, what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) the question?

**Choose between Past simple and Past continuous**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shop) when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) the perfect shoes

While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a lot of people

When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) it, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the city

The bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 8 am

What show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) at 7pm?

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fail) my exam

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) the exam when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pass out)

In 2000 the coin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (change) from pesetas to euros

**Choose between Past simple and Past continuous**

The plane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at 12pm

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shop) when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) these socks

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go skateboarding

In 2012 Barack Obama \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a baby

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) in the gas station while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive)

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) with some old friends

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook) lasagne at 7 pm

While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study), my parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) supper

**Complete the sentences choosing between Past Simple and Past Continuous**

Shanon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) when her mom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner while the kids \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play)

They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a dress as I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for new shoes

When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my necklace, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shopping) in the mall

While you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study), I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) all my homework

It was dark outside, and the wind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (blow)…

Last night, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) old pictures of us

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) during the wedding?

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) the band, they sounded awesome

I didn’t hear my mom because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music

**Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous**

The birds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing) and the people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance)

Last night I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my wallet

During the class, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (use) my phone

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to class and then she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her speech

At the same time, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) and we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) fun

My mom never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) me sweets

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the mall

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) terrible in the meeting

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sitting) and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (waste) his time

First I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean) my room, then I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) math

**Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous**

First I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the Hospital, later I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better

They were both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) exercise and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (box) each other

Last night I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/forget) my wallet

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/get) bored during the concert

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break up) with him, then she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) another guy

When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) you, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/sleep)

While you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/work), she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (paint) her room

At 7:30 I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (brush) my teeth, and at 7:35 I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for school

At 7:30 he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast and at the same time I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) the bus

They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to win when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to lose

The group \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (search) for the object while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) my nails

In 2017, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) the fight

In the process, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/order) McNuggets

We both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance) and we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing)

Two consecutive actions happened, the lights \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (turn) off and the candles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (turn) on

When she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call), I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ride) my horse

While we all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the beach, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sprain) her ankle

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) late to the party

**Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous**

Firstly, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job, later on he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a house

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) chess and they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) checkers

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (search) for my dog when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) my cat instead

They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (steal) in a store while the police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for them

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the meeting last day?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in me during the game?

When you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) the car, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shop)?

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (score) the goal while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/look)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) you at the mall while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) music

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/take) the bags when she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (steal) them

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Karen?

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) during the wedding?

Shanon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) when her mom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner while the kids \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play)

They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a dress as I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for new shoes

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) the band, they sounded awesome

I didn’t hear my mom because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music

It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) dark, the moon was full…

**Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous**

George \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling. (fall, paint)

Last night I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in bed when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a scream. (read, hear)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you? (you watch, phone)

Ann \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for me when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (wait, arrive)

Maisie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen when John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him.  
(clean, ask)

The house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)

The fire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at six in the morning. (still burn)

My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new job a week ago (get).

Columbus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ America over 500 years ago (discover)

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not interested in the book because she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it (be ,not  
understand)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday? (you be)

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a house near the sea last summer (live)

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the piano very well when she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ young (can play, be)

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the office very early last night (leave).

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a friend while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shopping (meet, do)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for my things when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone call my name (pay, hear)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Judy. (turn, see)

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bright yellow dress when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her last (wear, see)

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have a cup of tea. (decide)

While the waiter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up the pieces of glass he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his finger (pick, cut)

Then we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cafe and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good bye (leave, say)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fire at six and it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brightly when Tom came in at seven.  
(light, still burn)

My dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along quietly when Mary’s Pekinese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. (walk,  
attack)

When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch. She said she always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
lunch at 12:30. (arrive, have, have)

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his last book? –I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it a lot (you think, like)

He suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong direction. (realize,  
travel)

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guitar when someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the window and  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out a bucket of water. (play, open, throw)

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to go out in the boat yesterday because a strong wind  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not allow, blow)

The next day, as they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them, they  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coats in the woods and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off in different directions.  
(know, look, hide, go)

When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around a fire. Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a crossword puzzle, Judy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Mother  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at me and said : “ Come and sit down” (come, sit, do, knit, read, smile)

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) the band, they sounded awesome

I didn’t hear my mom because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner while the kids \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play)