

PAST SIMPLE

VS.

PAST CONTINUOUS

[Exercise 2]

Complete the gaps in **Past Simple** or **Past Continuous**.

Example:

The children _____ in the river when the cold wind _____ to blow. (*swim / start*)

Answer:

The children **were swimming** in the river when the cold wind **started** to blow.

1. We _____ the research together last time. (*do*)
2. At 6 pm last Sunday, I _____ to my aunt. (*speak*)
3. When he _____ from work, his wife _____ .
(*come back / sleep*)
4. Andrew _____ his last weekend with his parents on the farm. (*spend*)
5. I _____ chess with my younger brother the whole evening yesterday.
(*play*)
6. Tom _____ the fence in the garden when his friend
_____. (*paint / drop by*)
7. My mother _____ a lot of sweets when she _____
in the supermarket. (*buy / be*)
8. The parents _____ the previous day while their children
_____ a snow castle. (*discuss / build*)

9. When my sister _____ the light, it _____ outside.
(switch off / pour)
10. My last weekend _____ very quickly and it _____
time to come back to work again. **(end / be)**
11. Paul _____ the puzzle from 6 till 10 pm last Sunday. **(solve)**
12. I _____ along the alley in the park when I _____
my first teacher. **(walk / encounter)**
13. Amelia _____ to move to a big city many weeks ago. **(decide)**
14. We _____ "The Swan Lake" at the Ballet House at that time. **(watch)**
15. My sister _____ in the kitchen when she _____ that
strange noise from the outside. **(wash up / hear)**
16. He _____ the room and _____ in the middle of it.
(enter / stop)
17. The students _____ to the professor almost the whole lesson. **(listen)**
18. I _____ about my future holidays when you _____
and _____ me that silly question. **(think / enter / ask)**
19. They _____ building the road last month. **(finish)**
20. At 3 pm, we _____ a meeting with our business partners
at the restaurant. **(have)**

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1. did.
2. was speaking.
3. came back / was sleeping.
4. spent.
5. was playing.
6. was painting / dropped by.
7. bought / was.
8. were discussing / were building.
9. switched off / was pouring.
10. ended / was.
11. was solving.
12. was walking / encountered.
13. decided.
14. were watching.
15. was washing up / heard.
16. entered / stopped.
17. were listening.
18. was thinking / entered / asked.
19. finished.
20. were having.