

The simple past and the past continuous

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Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past continuous tense.

- 1 I lit the fire at 6.00 and it (burn) brightly when Tom came in at 7.00.
- 2 When I arrived the lecture had already started and the professor (write) on the overhead projector.
- 3 I (make) a cake when the light went out. I had to finish it in the dark.
- 4 I didn't want to meet Paul so when he entered the room I (leave).
- 5 Unfortunately when I arrived Ann just (leave), so we only had time for a few words.
- 6 He (watch) TV when the phone rang. Very unwillingly he (turn) down the sound and (go) to answer it.
- 7 He was very polite. Whenever his wife entered the room he (stand) up.
- 8 The admiral (play) bowls when he received news of the invasion. He (insist) on finishing the game.
- 9 My dog (walk) along quietly when Mr Pitt's Pekinese attacked him.
- 10 When I arrived she (have) lunch. She apologized for starting without me but said that she always (lunch) at 12.30.
- 11 He always (wear) a raincoat and (carry) an umbrella when he walked to the office.
- 12 What you (think) of his last book? ~
I (like) it very much.
- 13 I (share) a flat with him when we were students. He always (complain) about my untidiness.
- 14 He suddenly (realize) that he (travel) in the wrong direction.
- 15 He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw) out a bucket of water.
- 16 I just (open) the letter when the wind (blow) it out of my hand.
- 17 The burglar (open) the safe when he (hear) footsteps. He immediately (put) out his torch and (crawl) under the bed.
- 18 When I (look) for my passport I (find) this old photograph.
- 19 You looked very busy when I (see) you last night. What you (do)?
- 20 The boys (play) cards when they (hear) their father's step. They immediately (hide) the cards and (take) out their lesson books.
- 21 He (clean) his gun when it accidentally (go) off and (kill) him.
- 22 He (not allow) us to go out in the boat yesterday as a strong wind (blow).
- 23 As I (cross) the road I (step) on a banana skin and (fall) heavily.
- 24 I still (lie) on the road when I (see) a lorry approaching.
- 25 Luckily the driver (see) me and (stop) the lorry in time.