



Past Simple or Past Continuous 1

Complete the sentences using past simple or past continuous.

1. While I _____ (read), the doorbell _____ (ring).
2. They _____ (not/watch) TV when the guests
_____ (arrive).
3. She _____ (fall) asleep when she _____ (study).
4. _____ (why/you/stand) on a chair when I
_____ (come) into the room?
5. While we _____ (drive), we _____ (see) a deer
on the road.
6. _____ (what/he/say) when you _____ (tell) him
the news.
7. She _____ (not/answer) the phone because she
_____ (listen) to music.
8. When I _____ (be) a child, I _____ (play)
outside every day.
9. While they _____ (dance), the music _____
(stop).
10. _____ (what/you/wear) when you _____ (go) to
the party?



Answers

1. While I **was reading**, the doorbell **rang**.
2. They **weren't watching** TV when the guests **arrived**.
3. She **fell** asleep when she **was studying**.
4. **Why were you standing** on a chair when I **came** into the room?
5. While we **were driving**, we **saw** a deer on the road.
6. **What did he say** when you **told** him the news.
7. She **didn't answer** the phone because she **was listening** to music.
8. When I **was** a child, I **played** outside every day.
9. While they **were dancing**, the music **stopped**.
10. **What were you wearing** when you **went** to the party?

