

Past Tense – Simple or progressive

1. It _____ (**rain**) when we _____ (**come**) out of the shopping centre.
2. It _____ (**happen**) very quickly. The car _____ (**come**) out of the side road and then the van _____ (**drive**) into the back of it.
3. I _____ (**be**) ill last week.
4. He _____ (**break**) his leg when he _____ (**ski**).
5. I _____ (**look**) out of the window and saw that people _____ (**walk**) in the park.
6. Emma _____ (**pass**) her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we _____ (**see**) the spaceship we _____ (**stop**) the car.
8. When _____ (**you buy**) the car? – I _____ (**buy**) it a few years ago.
9. He _____ (**sit**) in the garden when a wasp _____ (**sting**) him in the nose.
10. Claire _____ (**go**) to Egypt last month.
11. She _____ (**have**) a beautiful dream when the alarm clock _____ (**ring**).
12. The car _____ (**stop**) at the lights.
13. We _____ (**drive**) home in the middle of the night when we _____ (**see**) a flashing light.
14. Soft music _____ (**play**) when I _____ (**go**) into the room.
15. _____ (**you buy**) that bag while I _____ (**look**) after the children?
16. It _____ (**be**) peaceful and the birds _____ (**sing**).
17. Was _____ (**Jimmy, already wait**) for you when you _____ (**get**) there?
18. I _____ (**ring**) at about 3 o'clock yesterday, but you _____ (**not pick**) up the phone. – What _____ (**you do**)? – I _____ (**help**) Dad in the garden so I probably _____ (**not hear**) it.
19. I _____ (**lie**) in the bath when the phone _____ (**ring**). It _____ (**stop**) after a few rings.
20. It _____ (**be**) cold when we _____ (**leave**) the house that day.

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1. It was raining when we came out of the shopping centre.
2. It happened very quickly. The car came out of the side road and then the van drove into the back of it.
3. I was ill last week.
4. He broke his leg when he was skiing.
5. I looked out of the window and saw that people were walking in the park.
6. Emma passed her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we saw the spaceship we stopped the car.
8. When did you buy the car? – I bought it a few years ago.
9. He was sitting in the garden when a wasp stung him in the nose.
10. Claire went to Egypt last month.
11. She was having a beautiful dream when the alarm clock rang.
12. The car stopped at the lights.
13. We were driving home in the middle of the night when we saw a flashing light.
14. Soft music was playing when I went into the room.
15. Did you buy that bag while I was looking after the children?
16. It was peaceful and the birds were singing.
17. Was Jimmy already waiting for you when you got there?
18. I rang at about 3 o'clock yesterday, but you didn't pick up the phone. – What were you doing? – I was helping Dad in the garden so I probably didn't hear it.
19. I was lying in the bath when the phone rang. It stopped after a few rings.
20. It was cold when we left the house that day.