

### A. Simple past or past progressive?

1. I **lived / was living** in France for eight years.
2. Sue **lived / was living** in France when her uncle died.
3. At 6.15, when you phoned, I **had / was having** a shower.
4. We **watched / were watching** TV all evening.
5. Matt **watched / was watching** TV when Anita came in.
6. My father **worked / was working** hard all his life.
7. They got married while they **studied / were studying** at London University.
8. Yesterday we **drove / were driving** from Oxford to Edinburgh and back.
9. It was a nice evening, so she **walked / was walking** home from work. '
10. I met Sylvie while I **worked / was working** in Japan.
11. At university I **studied / was studying** physics.
12. When I last saw him he **talked / was talking** to a policeman.

### B. Complete the sentences with past progressive verbs.

1. At seven o'clock on Friday (**we play cards**)
2. When I saw him he was holding the phone but (**not talk**).
3. When Mary got up (**it snow**)
4. When I saw Alice, (**she not walk**) very fast
5. What (**you do**) at ten o'clock yesterday evening?
6. When you heard them, (**they talk about me**)?
7. 7 How fast (**you drive**) when you had the accident?
8. 8 The doorbell rang when I (**not expect**) anybody.
9. I don't know what I (**do**) at 10.00 on January 13th, 2005.
10. I had to drive to London because the trains (**not run**) when I left home.

### C. Put simple past and past progressive verbs in the right places.

1. While I----- down the road, I -----Bill. (**walk; see**)
2. While I -----the newspaper, the cat----- on to the table. (**read; jump**)
3. Alan -----Helen while he ----- in Morocco. (**meet ; travel**)
4. Sally----- her leg while she ----- (**break; ski**)
5. While I -----, somebody -----my car. (**Shop; steal**)
6. Ruth----- me eight times yesterday while I----- (**phone; work**)
7. The police ----- me while I ----- home. (**stop; drive**)
8. I ----- an interesting report on the radio while I ----- breakfast. (**hear; have**)
9. Dad -----to sleep again while he -----TV. (**go ;watch**)
10. While I-----, I ----- a glass. (**wash up; break**)
11. I -----my hand while I ----- in the kitchen. (**Cut; work**)
12. When I----- the house I took my coat because it ----- (**leave; snow**)
13. When I ----- the door , they-----about me.(**open; talk**)
14. The telephone -----while I ----- lunch. (**ring; cook**)
15. When I last ----- from Harry, he----- in Portugal. (**hear; work**)