

Name: _____ Date: _____

I. Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. While Tom (read) _____, Amely (watch) _____ a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin (come) _____ home, (switch) _____ on the computer and (check) _____ his emails.
3. The thief (sneak) _____ into the house, (steal) _____ the jewels and (leave) _____ without a trace.
4. Nobody (listen) _____ while the teacher (explain) _____ the tenses.
5. While we (do) _____ a sight-seeing tour, our friends (lie) _____ on the beach.
6. He (wake) _____ up and (look) _____ at his watch.
7. The receptionist (welcome) _____ the guests and (ask) _____ them to fill in the form.
8. The car (break) _____ down and we (have) _____ to walk home.
9. The boys (swim) _____ while the girls (sunbathe) _____.
10. My father (come) _____ in, (look) _____ around and (tell) _____ me to tidy up my room.
11. As long as one group (prepare) _____ dinner, the others (collect) _____ wood for their campfire.
12. While the parents (have) _____ breakfast, their children (run) _____ about.
13. Martha (turn) _____ off the lights and (go) _____ to bed.
14. When I (do) _____ the washing-up, I (break) _____ a plate.
15. While Tom (play) _____ the piano, his mother (do) _____ the washing-up.
16. He (drink) _____ some juice and then he (eat) _____ a few chips.
17. I (have) _____ dinner when I suddenly (hear) _____ a loud bang.
18. When my father (work) _____ in the garden, an old friend (pass) _____ by to see him.

19. She (go) _____ to school, (take) _____ out her textbook and (begin) _____ to learn.
20. When it (start) _____ to rain, our dog (want) _____ to come inside.
21. When Jane (do) _____ a language course in Ireland, she (visit) _____ Blarney Castle.
22. When I (be) _____ on my way home, I (see) _____ an accident.
23. I (not / understand) _____ what they (talk) _____ about.
24. We (wait) _____ for Jane, when suddenly Louis (come) _____ around the corner.
25. I (cycle) _____ through the park, when I (hear) _____ a strange noise.
26. He (pass) _____ her a message when the teacher (look / not) _____.
27. I (fall) _____ asleep while I (watch) _____ TV last night.
28. When Mike and Jane (paint) _____ the walls, their dog (knock) _____ over the paint pot.
29. Tom (break) _____ his leg when he (play) _____ frisbee.
30. The phone (ring) _____ when I (sit) _____ on the toilet.
31. Two days ago, a murder (happen) _____ in Market Street at about seven pm.
32. Yesterday, Sherlock Holmes (arrive) _____ at the crime scene to investigate.
33. He (ask) _____ one of the tenants in the house.
34. »What (do / you) _____ yesterday at seven?«
35. »I (watch) _____ a football match on TV.«
36. » (be) _____ you alone?«
37. »Yes, I (be) _____.«
38. » (hear / you) _____ anything suspicious?«
39. »Yes, about seven o'clock, two people (argue) _____ in the hallway. But the football match (be) _____ so interesting. So I just (turn) _____ up the telly and then (hear / not) _____ anything anymore.«
40. I (jog) _____ in the park, when two squirrels (cross) _____ my way.