

**Ex I. Past simple or past continuous**

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01. I \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the road.
02. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) my bag when I \_\_\_\_\_ (board) the plane.
03. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) wet while \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the rain.
04. Whenever the politician \_\_\_\_\_ (open) his mouth to speak the crowd \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) insults.
05. While the maid \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the room a skeleton \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) out of the cupboard.
06. As soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ (get) under the shower, the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
07. They \_\_\_\_\_ (slip) and \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) while they \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) the mountain.
08. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (sightsee) in London I \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) my money in my socks.
09. As they \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) from Stockholm to Moscow, the starboard engine \_\_\_\_\_ (burst) into flames.
10. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch a waiter \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a plate of soup in her lap.

**Ex II. Complete the sentences using the past tense or the past continuous.**

1. I **worked** (work) very hard last night.
2. I **was working** (work) hard when the earthquake started.
3. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) when he arrived in Bombay.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) coffee when the mail came.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at the University of California.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the game while feeding the baby.
7. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) office space in that tall building.
8. When the police arrived, they \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) at each other.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a temper tantrum.
10. The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to work by bus this morning.
11. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) this morning when I woke up.
12. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter she was cooking.
13. They \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a house in the suburbs last year.
14. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the house the weather turned cold.
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) a romantic song when the electricity went out.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) as the music \_\_\_\_\_ (play).
17. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) at 25 miles per hour when the sign fell to the ground.
18. The secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (type) a letter for her boss.
19. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very nice last weekend.
20. When he entered the classroom they \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the exercises on page 54.
21. He went to the doctor when he \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) bad.
22. Last February \_\_\_\_\_ (have) 29 days.

**01. fell            was crossing**

**02. dropped was boarding**

**03. got        walking**

**04. opened    shouted**

**05. was cleaning    fell**

**06. got        rang**

**07. slipped fell were climbing**

**08. was sightseeing hid**

**09. were flying burst**

**10. was having dropped**

1. worked	12. was writing
2. was working	13. bought
3. was rising	14. were painting
4. were having	15. was singing
5. studied	16. were dancing was playing
6. was watching	17. was blowing
7. rented	18. typed
8. were shouting	19. was
9. was having	20. were doing
10. came	21. was feeling.
11. was raining	22. had