

Past Simple Or Past Continuous Tense Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate past tense form.

1. I with my son when you
.....

played, called

was playing, were calling

was playing, called

played, were calling

2. The doorbell while I
a bath.

rang, was having

was ringing, was having

was ringing. had

3. As I for bus, I

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Joe crossing the road.

waited, saw

was waiting, saw

waited, was seeing

4. Yesterday, I to the movies with my wife.

was going

went

had gone

5. When I was a child, we our own amusements.

were making

made

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have made

6. When we home, we discovered that water down the walls.

reached, ran

reached, was running

was reaching, was running

7. It while I in Mumbai.

was happening, was living

happened, was living

happened, lived

8. I in Rome for ten years while I

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..... a child.

lived, was

was living, was

lived, had been

9. I all day yesterday.

had slept

was sleeping

10. What at 11 pm last night?

did you do

were you doing

had you done

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11. Who you that watch?

was giving

gave

had given

12. When I into the office,
everybody

was walking

walked, worked

walked, was working

Answers

1. I was playing with my son when you called.
2. The doorbell rang while I was having a bath.
3. As I was waiting for bus, I saw Joe crossing the road.
4. Yesterday, I went to the movies with my wife.
5. When I was a child, we made our own amusements.
6. When we reached home, we discovered that water was running down the walls.

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7. It happened while I was working in Mumbai.
8. I lived in Rome for ten years while I was a child.
9. I was sleeping all day yesterday.
10. What were you doing at 11 pm last night?
11. Who gave you that watch?
12. When I walked into the office, everybody was working.