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He stopped reading.

He answered the phone.

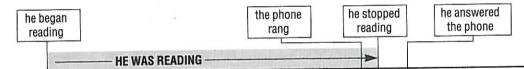
What happened? The phone rang. (past simple) (past continuous)

What was Jack doing when the phone rang? He was reading a book.

What did he do when the phone rang? He stopped reading and answered the phone.

(past simple)

Jack began reading before the phone rang. So: When the phone rang, he was reading.



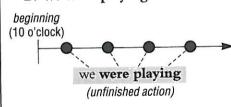
past simple

• A: What did you do yesterday morning? B: We played tennis. (from 10 to 11.30) beginning (11.30)(10 o'clock) we played (complete action)

- Jack read a book yesterday. (= from beginning to end)
- Did you watch the film on television last night?
- It didn't rain while we were on holiday.

past continuous

• A: What were you doing at 10.30? B: We were playing tennis.



- Jack was reading a book when the phone rang.
- Were you watching television when I phoned you?
- It wasn't raining when I got up.
- I started work at 9 o'clock and finished at 4.30. At 2.30 I was working.
- It was raining when we went out. (= it started raining before we went out) • I saw Lucy and Steve this morning. They were waiting at the bus stop.
- Jenny fell asleep while she was reading.

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Look at the pictures and put the verbs in the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

		Carol broke (break) her arm last week. It (happen when she (paint) her room. She (fall) off the ladder.
2	Hi, Paula!	The train
3	Hello, Jim! I'm going to the station	Yesterday Sue

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EXERCISES

		talk for a few minutes.			
Put	the v	verb into the past continuous or past simple.			
1	A: B:	What were you doing (you/do) when the phone rang (ring)? I was watching (watch) television.			
2	A:	Was Jane busy when you went to see her?			
		Yes, she(study).			
3		What time (the post / arrive) this morning?			
		It			
4	A:	: Was Margaret at work today?			
	B:	No, she			
5		How fast (you/drive) when the police			
		(stop) you?			
	B:	I don't know exactly but I (not/drive) very fast.			
6	A:	(your team / win) the football match yesterday?			
	B:	No, the weather was very bad, so we			
7		How(you/break) the window?			
	B:	We(play) football. I			
		(kick) the ball and it (hit) the window.			
8	A:	(you/see) Jenny last night?			
		Yes, she (wear) a very nice jacket.			
9	A:	What (you/do) at 2 o'clock this morning?			
	B:	I was asleep.			
10	A:	I			
	B:	How(you/get) into your room?			
	A:	I			