A1 A2 LEVEL GRAMMAR TESTS

The Past Continuous Tense or The Past Simple Tense Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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1. What _____ you _____ at ten yesterday?
A) did / did **B)** were / doing
C) did / doing **D)** was / did

2. Laura _____ a glass while she _____ the dishes.
A) was breaking / was washing
B) was breaking / washed
C) broke / washed
D) broke / was washing

3. I _____ my primary school teacher while I was shopping.
A) meet **B)** met
C) was meeting **D)** was met

4. He was having dinner _____ the phone rang.
A) when **B)** after
C) because **D)** before

5. What _____ you do when you saw the accident yesterday morning?
A) are **B)** were **C)** did **D)** do

6. I _____ a monkey in the park while I was walking to work.
A) see **B)** saw
C) did see **D)** was seeing

7. Jason was studying English _____ he heard a strange noise.
A) after **B)** when **C)** what **D)** that

8. Mozart _____ his first piece of music when he was only five years old.
A) write **B)** wrote
C) was writing **D)** writes

9. While my mother was cooking dinner, I _____ the table in the dining room.
A) don't set **B)** was set
C) am setting **D)** was setting

10. We were _____ to music while they were playing football.
A) listen **B)** listened
C) listens **D)** listening

11. A: What _____ when he fell in the lake?

B: I _____ on the phone.
A) did you do / talked
B) did you do / was talking
C) were you doing / talked
D) were you doing / was talking

12. Sue _____ an old bracelet while she _____ the attic.
A) find / is cleaning
B) found / was cleaning
C) founded / cleaned
D) finded / was cleaning

13. The postman knocked on the door _____ we were having a party.
A) while **B)** where **C)** what **D)** that

14. A: Why _____ this morning?

B: She _____ her finger while she _____ the salad.
A) did she cry / was cutting / prepared
B) did she cry / cut / prepare
C) was she crying / was cutting / was preparing
D) was she crying / cut / was preparing

15. My mother _____ all my clothes last weekend.
A) did wash **B)** was washing
C) were washing **D)** washed

16. Mary was sleeping _____ the phone rang.
A) when **B)** but **C)** then **D)** that

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