

Using the Simple Past or the Past Progressive

Directions: Complete the sentences by using the words in parentheses. Use either the simple past or the past progressive.

At 6:00P.M., Bob (sit) _____ down at the table and (begin) _____ to eat. At 6:05, Bob (eat) _____ dinner. While Bob (eat) _____ dinner, Ann (come) _____ over. In other words, when Ann (come) _____ over, Bob (eat) _____ dinner.

Bob (go) _____ to bed at 10:30. At 11:00 Bob (sleep) _____. While Bob (sleep) _____ the phone (ring) _____. In other words, when the phone (ring) _____ Bob (sleep) _____.

Bob (leave) _____ his house at 8:00 A.M. and (begin) _____ to walk to class. While he (walk) _____ to class, he (see) _____ Mrs. Smith. When Bob (see) _____ Mrs. Smith, she (stand) _____ on her front porch. She (hold) _____ a broom. Mrs. Smith (wave) _____ at Bob when she (see) _____ him.

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At 6:00P.M., Bob (sit) **sat** down at the table and (begin) **began** to eat. At 6:05, Bob (eat) **was eating** dinner. While Bob (eat) **was eating** dinner, Ann (come) **came** over. In other words, when Ann (come) **came** over, Bob (eat) **was eating** dinner.

Bob (go) **went** to bed at 10:30. At 11:00 Bob (sleep) **was sleeping**. While Bob (sleep) **was sleeping** the phone (ring) **rang**. In other words, when the phone (ring) **rang** Bob (sleep) **was sleeping**.

Bob (leave) **left** his house at 8:00 A.M. and (begin) **began** to walk to class. While he (walk) **was walking** to class, he (see) **saw** Mrs. Smith. When Bob (see) **saw** Mrs. Smith, she (stand) **was standing** on her front porch. She (hold) **was holding** a broom. Mrs. Smith (wave) **waved** at Bob when she (see) **saw** him.

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