

**Verb Tense Tutorial**  
***Simple Past / Past Continuous***

1. A: What (you, do)  when the accident occurred?

B: I (try)  to change a light bulb that had burnt out.

2. After I (find)  the wallet full of money, I (go, immediately)  to the police and (turn)  it in.

3. The doctor (say)  that Tom (be)  too sick to go to work and that he (need)  to stay at home for a couple of days.

4. Sebastian (arrive)  at Susan's house a little before 9:00 pm, but she (be, not)  there. She (study, at the library)  for her final examination in French.

5. Sandy is in the living room watching television. At this time yesterday, she (watch, also)  television. That's all she ever does!

6. A: I (call)  you last night after dinner, but you (be, not)  there. Where were you?

B: I (work)  out at the fitness center.

7. When I (walk)  into the busy office, the secretary (talk)  on the phone with a customer, several clerks (work, busily)  at their desks, and two managers (discuss, quietly)  methods to improve customer service.

8. I (watch)  a mystery movie on T.V. when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the movie ends.

9. Sharon (be)  in the room when John told me what happened, but she didn't hear anything because she (listen, not) .

10. It's strange that you (call)  because I (think, just)  about you.