Past Simple or Past Continuous Exercise 2

Choose the past simple or past continuous:

1. He ____________________ (sleep) when the doorbell ____________________ (ring).
2. We ____________________ (eat) dinner at 8pm last night (we started eating at 7:30).
3. Yesterday I ____________________ (go) to the post office, ____________________ (buy)
   some fruit at the supermarket and ____________________ (read) a book in the park in
   the afternoon.
4. We ____________________ (watch) TV when we ____________________ (hear) a loud
   noise.
5. Julie ____________________ (be) in the garden when Laurence ____________________
   (arrive).
6. A: What ____________________ (you / do) at 3pm yesterday?
   B: I ____________________ (clean) my house.
7. Last year I ____________________ (visit) Paris and Rome.
8. They ____________________ (have) dinner when the police ____________________
   (come) to the door.
9. He ____________________ (work) in the garden when he ____________________ (find)
   the money.
10. Laura ____________________ (study) at 11pm last night.
11. I __________________ (walk) along the road when I __________________ (meet) an old friend.

12. It __________________ (be) a day in December. Snow __________________ (fall), children __________________ (sing) carols and people __________________ (do) their Christmas shopping.

13. My ex-boyfriend __________________ (be) so annoying! He __________________ (always / miss) the bus and __________________ (arrive) late.

14. When I __________________ (call) Julie, she __________________ (work).

15. Why __________________ (you / cry) when I __________________ (arrive)?

16. When he __________________ (get) home, we started to eat dinner.

17. At 10am yesterday I __________________ (sit) on a bus.

18. I __________________ (enjoy) my book so much that I __________________ (not / notice) the train had stopped.

19. David __________________ (not / sleep) when I __________________ (arrive), he __________________ (study)!

20. Mr Black __________________ (not / work) in the garden at 10pm last night.
Answers to Past Simple or Past Continuous Exercise 2

1. He was sleeping when the doorbell rang.
2. We were eating dinner at 8pm last night.
3. Yesterday I went to the post office, bought some fruit at the supermarket and read a book in the park in the afternoon.
4. We were watching TV when we heard a loud noise.
5. Julie was in the garden when Laurence arrived.
6. A: What were you doing at 3pm yesterday?
   B: I was cleaning my house.
7. Last year I visited Paris and Rome.
8. They were having dinner when the police came to the door.
9. He was working in the garden when he found the money.
10. Laura was studying at 11pm last night.
11. I was walking along the road when I met an old friend.
12. It was a day in December. Snow was falling, children were singing carols and people were doing their Christmas shopping.
13. My ex-boyfriend was so annoying! He was always missing the bus and arriving late.
14. When I called Julie, she was working.
15. Why were you crying when I arrived?
16. When he got home, we started to eat dinner.
17. At 10am yesterday I was sitting on a bus.
18. I was enjoying my book so much that I didn’t notice the train had stopped.
19. David wasn’t sleeping when I arrived, he was studying!
20. Mr Black wasn’t working in the garden at 10pm last night.