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Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

Choose the correct answers.

1. What _____ at 9:00 p.m. last night?

- A. did you do
- B. were you doing
- C. was you doing

2. While Diana _____, her mother _____.

- A. was playing – cooked
- B. played – was cooking
- C. was playing – was cooking

3. When it _____ to rain, the children _____ inside.

- A. started – came
- B. was starting – were coming
- C. was starting – came

4. When I _____ on my way home, I _____ an accident.

- A. was – saw
- B. was being – saw
- C. was being – was seeing

5. He _____ the plants when a big snake _____.

- A. watered – was appearing
- B. was watering – appeared
- C. was watering – was appearing



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6. While it _____ outside, we _____ chestnuts.

- A. was snowing – ate
- B. snowed – were eating
- C. was snowing – were eating

7. I _____ in my room when the smell of my mom's cookies _____ my nose.

- A. studied – reached
- B. was studying – reached
- C. was studying – was reaching

8. They _____ dinner when they _____ a loud bang.

- A. were having – heard
- B. had – heard
- C. were having – was hearing

9. The doctor _____ my eyesight yesterday.

- A. was examining
- B. examined
- C. were examining

10. While my father _____ the TV, my mother _____ him coffee.

- A. was fixing – made
- B. fixed – was making
- C. was fixing – was making



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