Past Simple VS Past Continuous

1. A: What (you, do) **** when the accident occurred?
B: I (try) **** to change a light bulb that had burnt out.

2. When I (find) **** the wallet full of money, I (go, immediately) **** to the police and.

3. 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.

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

5. A: I (call) **** you last night after dinner, but you (be, not) **** there. Where were you?
B: I (work) **** out at the fitness center.

6. 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.

7. I (watch) **** a mystery movie on TV when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the movie ends.

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

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

10. The Titanic (cross) **** the Atlantic when it (strike) **** an iceberg.

11. When I entered the bazaar, a couple of merchants (bargain, busily) **** and (try) **** to sell their goods to naive tourists. Some young boys (lead) **** their donkeys through the narrow streets on their way home. A couple of men (argue) **** over the price of a leather belt. I (walk) **** over to a man who (sell) **** fruit and I (buy) **** a banana.

12. The firemen (rescue) **** the old woman who (be) **** trapped on the third floor of the burning building.

13. Samantha (live) **** in Berlin for more than two years. In fact, she (live) **** there when the Berlin Wall came down.