

**The past continuous tense**

1. The actions mentioned in columns A and B happened at the same time. Join them together to form sentences using the past continuous tense and simple past tense as required. The first one has been done for you.

A B

a. I got ready the doorbell rang

b. Mukesh went to the market Mukesh met Salil

c. our car broke down rained

d. we lived in Mumbai you came to see us

e. he walked down the street it began to snow

f. I fell down we played in the garden

g. Javed walked to his school Javed heard someone call out his name

h. I found a pair of broken binoculars I looked for my toys in the attic

i. Norbu walked along the eastern slope of the mountain Norbu saw the snow leopard

j. Sheila spotted a black cat entering her room Sheila combed her hair

k. Shabnam played the guitar the string broke

l. the arrow was fired at the king the king inspected his troops

m. I read the newspaper I found an article on brown pandas

n. Radhika heard the news Radhika listened to the radio

o. Gurvinder drove the car Gurvinder’s phone rang

p. it got dark we decided to stop for the night

a. I was getting ready when the doorbell rang.

**Answers**

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b. Mukesh was going to the market when he met Salil.

c. It was raining when our car broke down.

d. We were living in Mumbai when you came to see us.

e. He was walking down the street when it began to snow.

f. I fell down when we were playing in the garden.

g. Javed was walking to his school when he heard someone call out his name.

h. I found a pair of broken binoculars when I was looking for my toys in the attic.

i. Norbu was walking along the eastern slope of the mountain when he saw the snow leopard.

j. Sheila was combing her hair when she spotted a black cat entering her room.

k. Shabnam was playing the guitar when the string broke.

l. The arrow was fired at the king when the king was inspecting his troops.

m. When I was reading the newspaper, I found an article on brown pandas.

n. Radhika heard the news when she was listening to the radio.

o. Gurvinder was driving the car when his phone rang.

p. When it was getting dark, we decided to stop for the night