Pasado simple o pasado continuo

Cuando ocurrió algo: seguir o reaccionar

When significa cuando. Si contamos lo que ya estaba en marcha, usamos pasado continuo: I was reading when you called. Si contamos una reacción que ocurrió después, usamos pasado simple: When you called, I answered immediately. Mira toda la situación. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Recuerda put → put, send → sent, hide → hid, take → took, leave → left, catch → caught y shake → shook. Para el continuo usamos was o were + verbo con ing. Lay significa colocar: laying.

Ejemplo resuelto

I answer calls. When the phone rang, I ____ it immediately. → I answer calls. When the phone rang, I answered it immediately.

Contesto llamadas. Cuando sonó el teléfono, contesté inmediatamente.

Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Completa en pasado simple o continuo.

01. Mia picks up dropped pencils. When hers fell, she _____ it up immediately.

02. We copy notes. We _____ them when the bell rang; we still had two pages left.

03. Mom makes quilts. She _____ one when I arrived; it was half sewn.

04. You drink hot chocolate. You _____ some when I arrived; your cup was half full.

05. You wipe up spills. When the milk spilled yesterday, you _____ it up at once.

06. I put my toys away. When Mom asked me yesterday, I _____ them away immediately.

07. The boys pack bags. They _____ theirs when I called; some things were still on the bed.

08. Nora chooses outfits. She _____ one when I phoned; she had not decided yet.

09. They turn off lights. When they reached the door yesterday, they _____ them off at once.

10. We send replies quickly. When Ben's email arrived, we _____ a reply at once.

11. We board the bus at this stop. When it arrived yesterday, we _____ it at once.

12. You bake cookies. You _____ some when I arrived; they were still in the oven.

13. We cook dinner together. We _____ soup when you arrived; it was not ready yet.

14. Ben shakes my hand. When we met yesterday, he _____ it immediately.

15. You lock the gate. When Dad asked you yesterday, you _____ it immediately.

16. I answer calls. When the phone rang yesterday, I _____ it immediately.

17. Mia writes stories. She _____ one when I called; she was halfway through it.

18. The boys hide behind the shed. When the game began, they _____ there at once.

19. Nora jumps out of bed. When the alarm rang, she _____ out immediately.

20. Ben repairs boats. He _____ one when I arrived; the hole was still there.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Completa en pasado simple o continuo.

21. I take medicine after lunch. When I finished lunch yesterday, I _____ it at once.

22. They unload vans. They _____ one when I called; some boxes were still inside.

23. I do my homework. I _____ it when Dad called; I still had three questions left.

24. Anna calls for help. When the pipe burst, she _____ a plumber immediately.

25. We open doors for visitors. When the bell rang, we _____ the door at once.

26. The workers lay tiles. They _____ them when I arrived; the floor was half covered.

27. Mom switches off the oven. When the timer rang, she _____ it off at once.

28. Dad stops the car at red lights. When the light turned red, he _____ immediately.

29. I reply to texts. When your message arrived, I _____ immediately.

30. Anna wraps presents. She _____ one when you arrived; it was not finished yet.

31. I read before bed. I _____ a story when the bell rang; I was only halfway through.

32. You close windows in storms. When the wind got strong, you _____ ours at once.

33. They build walls. They _____ one when it rained; only half was up.

34. I eat lunch at home. I _____ it when Mia arrived; my plate was half full.

35. They leave when the show ends. When it ended yesterday, they _____ immediately.

36. We paint fences. We _____ ours when it rained; only half was green.

37. You solve puzzles. You _____ one when Ben came in; it was still unfinished.

38. I wash dishes. I _____ them when Mom called; half were still dirty.

39. Dad fixes radios. He _____ one when I came in; it was still broken.

40. The workers lift the barrier. When our van arrived, they _____ it immediately.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

01. When hers fell, she **picked** it up immediately.
02. We **were copying** them when the bell rang; we still had two pages left.
03. She **was making** one when I arrived; it was half sewn.
04. You **were drinking** some when I arrived; your cup was half full.
05. When the milk spilled yesterday, you **wiped** it up at once.
06. When Mom asked me yesterday, I **put** them away immediately.
07. They **were packing** theirs when I called; some things were still on the bed.
08. She **was choosing** one when I phoned; she had not decided yet.
09. When they reached the door yesterday, they **turned** them off at once.
10. When Ben's email arrived, we **sent** a reply at once.
11. When it arrived yesterday, we **boarded** it at once.
12. You **were baking** some when I arrived; they were still in the oven.
13. We **were cooking** soup when you arrived; it was not ready yet.
14. When we met yesterday, he **shook** it immediately.
15. When Dad asked you yesterday, you **locked** it immediately.
16. When the phone rang yesterday, I **answered** it immediately.
17. She **was writing** one when I called; she was halfway through it.
18. When the game began, they **hid** there at once.
19. When the alarm rang, she **jumped** out immediately.
20. He **was repairing** one when I arrived; the hole was still there.
21. When I finished lunch yesterday, I **took** it at once.
22. They **were unloading** one when I called; some boxes were still inside.
23. I **was doing** it when Dad called; I still had three questions left.
24. When the pipe burst, she **called** a plumber immediately.
25. When the bell rang, we **opened** the door at once.
26. They **were laying** them when I arrived; the floor was half covered.
27. When the timer rang, she **switched** it off at once.
28. When the light turned red, he **stopped** immediately.
29. When your message arrived, I **replied** immediately.
30. She **was wrapping** one when you arrived; it was not finished yet.
31. I **was reading** a story when the bell rang; I was only halfway through.
32. When the wind got strong, you **closed** ours at once.
33. They **were building** one when it rained; only half was up.
34. I **was eating** it when Mia arrived; my plate was half full.
35. When it ended yesterday, they **left** immediately.
36. We **were painting** ours when it rained; only half was green.
37. You **were solving** one when Ben came in; it was still unfinished.
38. I **was washing** them when Mom called; half were still dirty.
39. He **was fixing** one when I came in; it was still broken.
40. When our van arrived, they **lifted** it immediately.