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Past Simple Vs. Past Continuous

Fill in the sentences with the correct form (Simple or Continuous)

1) George _____ off the ladder while he _____ the ceiling
(fall - paint)

2) Last night I _____ in bed when I suddenly _____ a
scream (read - hear)

3) _____ TV when I _____ you? (you watch - phone)

4) Ann _____ for me when I _____ (wait - arrive)

5) Maisie _____ up the kitchen when John _____ her to
marry him (clean - ask)

6) The house _____ \$150.000 in 2003 (cost)

7) The fire _____ at six in the morning (still burn)

8) My brother _____ a new job a week ago (get)

9) Columbus _____ America over 500 years ago (discover)

10) She _____ not interested in the book because she
_____ it (be - not understand)

11) _____ at school yesterday? (you be)

12) We _____ in a house near the sea last summer (live)

13) She _____ the piano very well when she _____
young (can play - be)

14) She _____ the office very early last night (leave)



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15) I _____ a friend while I _____ the shopping
(meet - do)