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1. I _____ (walk) when I _____ (see) a cat.
2. While I _____ (walk) I _____ (listen) to music.
3. They _____ (work) when the earthquake _____ (happen)
4. My sister _____ (go) to the concert yesterday.
5. He _____ (do) his homework, he _____ (play) video games.
6. They _____ (watch) T.V. upstairs when they _____ (hear) a noise downstairs.
7. Fireman _____ (put) out the fire when they _____ (rescue) the kitten.
8. When we _____ (leave) home this morning it _____ (rain)
9. Yesterday Susan _____ (hurt) herself when she _____ (ride) her bike.
10. I _____ (lose) my sunglasses when I _____ (hike) in the woods.

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1. I **was walking** (walk) when I **saw** (see) a cat.
2. While I was **walking**, (walk) I **was listening** (listen) to music.
3. They **were working** (work) when the earthquake **happened**. (happen)
4. My sister **went** (go) to the concert yesterday.
5. He **isn't doing** (do) his homework, he **is playing** (play) video games.
6. They **were watching** (watch) T.V. upstairs when they **heard** (hear) a noise downstairs.
7. Fireman **were putting** (put) out the fire when they **rescued** (rescue) the kitten.
8. When we **left** (leave) home this morning it **was raining**. (rain)
9. Yesterday Susan **hurt** (hurt) herself when she **was riding** (ride) her bike.
10. I **lost** (lose) my sunglasses when I **was hiking** (hike) in the woods.