

GRAMMAR

Past simple and continuous

1 Read the examples. Which verb is in the past continuous? How do we form the past continuous?

- 1 Immediately I **heard** the noise of a loud motorbike.
- 2 She **was waiting** at the side of the road.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the rules.

- a We use the past *simple / continuous* to talk about a complete action at a past time.
- b We use the past *simple / continuous* to talk about actions in progress at a past time.

3 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 I couldn't call you. The thief **stole / was stealing** my phone!
- 2 I saw someone in front of your house yesterday. She **tried / was trying** to open your car door.
- 3 What **did the burglars take / were the burglars taking**?
- 4 I phoned you last night but there was no answer. What **did you do / were you doing**?
- 5 We weren't at home last night. We **travelled / were travelling** back from a relative's house.

4 Read the examples from the stories. Then complete the rules with *past simple* or *past continuous*.

- 1 We **were crossing** the road, when I **got out** my phone.
- 2 While the officers **were checking** the bikes, they **noticed** that several of them didn't have bells.
- 3 When we **arrived**, my brother and I **got changed** straight away and jumped in.

We often use the past continuous and the past simple together.

- a The _____ talks about a past action in progress.
- b The _____ talks about a complete shorter action that interrupted the action in progress.
- c If one action happens after the other, we use the _____ for both actions.

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5 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 I read a book when a woman screamed.
- 2 We are talking when a policeman asked me my name.
- 3 We went to my house and we were watching TV.
- 4 When I walked near the river, I saw a dog in the water.
- 5 While we're waiting for the bus, I heard a cry.
- 6 He was quite tall and wears a loose-fitting tracksuit.

6 Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs.

Couple find 'Goldilocks' burglar

When Martin Holtby and Pat Dyson got home from their holiday recently, they ¹ _____ (notice) something strange immediately. Their unopened letters were on the table. There was some food shopping in the kitchen. While Martin ² _____ (look) around the house, he ³ _____ (find) more strange things. A man's clothes ⁴ _____ (hang) in the bathroom. Their bath was full of hot water. ⁵ _____ a burglar (live) in their house?

When Martin ⁶ _____ (go) into the bedroom, he found the answer. A man ⁷ _____ (sleep) in their bed! The couple quickly called the police and when they ⁸ _____ (arrive), they took him away.

The man was fined £200. He didn't steal anything while he ⁹ _____ (stay) in the house. He wasn't actually a burglar. He thought the house was empty and he ¹⁰ _____ (need) somewhere to sleep!

VOCABULARY

ourselves, yourselves, themselves and each other

1 Match the sentences to the photos.

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- 1 They're looking at **themselves**.
- 2 They're looking at **each other**.

2 Choose the correct words.

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- 1 Jack bought **itself / himself** a new phone.
- 2 I cut **myself / itself** while I was washing up.
- 3 Did you teach **myself / yourself** the guitar?
- 4 Did you and Sara hurt **herself / yourselves**?
- 5 Sam and I made **myself / ourselves** a snack.
- 6 Thanks for the party! Everyone really enjoyed **ourselves / themselves**.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct pronoun from Exercise 2 or *each other*.

- 1 They walked past _____ without saying a word.
- 2 Josie introduced _____ to everyone.
- 3 Tom and I often argue with _____.
- 4 I need to buy a present for Tom. We always give _____ presents on our birthdays.
- 5 Did you all enjoy _____ last weekend?