Exercises

6.1 What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

1 (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) I was having dinner.
2 (at 5 o'clock last Monday) I was on a bus on my way home.
3 (at 10.15 yesterday morning) .....
4 (at 4.30 this morning) .....
5 (at 7.45 yesterday evening) .....
6 (half an hour ago) .....

6.2 Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

1 Matt phoned while we were having dinner.
2 The doorbell rang while I .....
3 The car began to make a strange noise when we .....
4 Jessica fell asleep while she .....
5 The television was on, but nobody .....

6.3 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1

I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she ..... (not / see) me. She ..... (look) the other way.

2

I ..... (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They ..... (go) to Paris and I ..... (go) to Rome. We ..... (have) a chat while we ..... (wait) for our flights.

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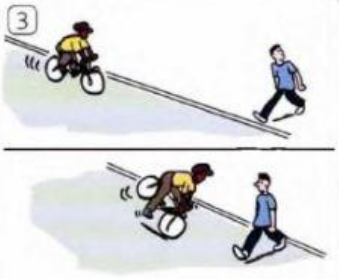

I ..... (cycle) home yesterday when a man ..... (step) out into the road in front of me. I ..... (go) quite fast, but luckily I ..... (manage) to stop in time and ..... (not / hit) him.

6.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
2 'What ..... (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
3 '..... (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
4 How fast ..... (you / drive) when the accident ..... (happen)?
5 Sam ..... (take) a picture of me while I ..... (not / look).
6 We were in a very difficult position. We ..... (not / know) what to do.
7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last ..... (see) him, he ..... (try) to find a job.
8 I ..... (walk) along the street when suddenly I ..... (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody ..... (follow) me. I was scared and I ..... (start) to run.
9 When I was young, I ..... (want) to be a pilot.
10 Last night I ..... (drop) a plate when I ..... (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it ..... (not / break).

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