

Past Simple & Past Continuous B1

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A. Match the verb tense to its uses.

Past Simple

Past
Continuous

- an action that started and finished in the past
- to set the scene to a story
- a past action in progress when another action occurred
- one completed action after another
- a past habit or regular past event
- an action in the past that is interrupted (usually by the past simple)

B. Complete the chart.

INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
carry	I <i>carried</i> .	I <i>was carrying</i> .
come	They .	They .
have	She .	She .
hear	You .	You .
move	It .	It .
play	We .	We .
study	I .	I .
win	He .	He .

C. Listen to the audio and complete the sentences.

1. I think I _____ to my friend Ali on my phone then.
2. I _____ at a friend's house and we were learning some new English words ready for a test at school today. We _____ a great job, though!
3. 8 o'clock? I was with my sister. We _____ dinner and, for once, we weren't arguing!

4. I was coming home from football. It _____ and I was standing at the bus stop getting wet.
5. I think my brother was telling me about something but I _____ – as usual! Sorry, little bro!
6. My friend and I were watching a film. I can't remember the name but I know I _____ it very much.
7. I was talking to my parents while they _____ dinner. They were asking me about my day.
8. Oh yeah, I was sleeping. I _____ asleep while I _____ my homework!

D. Choose the correct option.

1. I **did** / **was doing** my homework when my mom **yelled** / **was yelling** my name.
2. When the movie **started** / **was starting** , my friend **didn't watch** / **wasn't watching**.
3. While they **played** / **were playing** football , a dog **came** / **was coming** to the field.
4. She **spoke** / **was speaking** in a strange language, so I **wasn't** / **wasn't being** able to understand her.
5. I **didn't use** / **wasn't using** my phone while we **travelled** / **were travelling**.

E. Write the sentence by putting the words in order.

1. time / what / did / go / bed / to / you / ?
2. she / not / like / birthday / her / did / cake
3. my / were / in / living / room / brothers / TV / watching
4. she / for / exam / the / did / study / ?
5. you / what / receive / did / birthday / for / your / ?