Relationships

Past simple vs Past Continuous

Read and listen to the conversation between Jane and Ray about how he met his wife, Claire. Then answer the questions.



JANE: **How did you meet your wife**, Ray?

RAY: We first met when she was renting a room in my sister's flat in Brighton, in Southern England.

J: **Was it love at first sight?**

R Yes, it was. Well, for me, anyway.

J: So, **what happened?**

R: Well, Claire wanted to improve her English, so she was working in the shop at the museum for the summer. But she said she wasn't practicing her English because most of the people who came to the museum were tourists. So I said, "Look, I want to practice my French, so let's meet for half an hour every day. We can have fifteen minutes speaking French and fifteen minutes speaking English."

J: Right.

R: So, we had lunch in the park near the museum every day and just talked to each other in English and French.

J: **Did you ask her out?**

R: No, I was too shy.

J: So, **what happened?**

R: Well, three weeks later her summer job finished and it was time for her to go back to Paris. I went to the airport with her and while we were waiting for her flight, I gave her a present. It was an English dictionary. She laughed and I suddenly thought, what if I never see her again. I felt really sad.

J: And **was she sad too?**

R: Yes, she was. She was crying when we said goodbye. Anyway, she gave me her address and asked me to visit her sometime.

J: So, **what did you do?**

R: Well, I went straight home, packed a bag, got my passport and I took a train to Paris.

J: Not the same day!

R: Yes, the same day. And her plane was delayed so I got to Paris first. When she arrived home, I was waiting by the door to her flat.

J: **Were you nervous?**

R: Yes, I was. But I was also in love! And... a year later we got married.

J: Very romantic! **Was the wedding in Paris?**



R: Yes, it was.

J: And **were both your families there?**

R: Yes, they were. It was a great day.

Now, select the correct option to answer the questions.

1. Where did Ray **first meet** Claire?
   a. In France b. In England c. in South Africa

2. Where was Claire working?
   a. In a language school b. in a museum shop c. at the airport

3. Why wasn't Claire speaking much English at work?
   a. Because she was a tourist b. because the visitors were tourists
   c. because she spoke French.

4. How long did Ray practice French with Claire each day?
   a. 15 minutes b. 30 minutes c. an hour

5. Where did they meet every day?
   a. In a park b. in a café c. in the museum

6. Why didn't Ray **ask** Claire **out**?
   a. Because the was too busy b. because he was in love with Jane
   c. because he was too shy

7. What were they doing when Ray gave Claire a present?
   a. They were crying b. they were waiting for a flight
   c. they were practicing English and French

8. What did Claire give Ray?
   a. A kiss b. a dictionary c. her address

9. What did Ray do after they say good bye?
   a. He cried b. He flew to Paris c. He took a train to Paris

10. What was Ray doing when Claire arrived home in Paris?
    a. He was waiting for her b. He was calling her
    c. He was packing his bag.