

Test

Past Simple vs Past Continuous Tenses

1. Decide whether the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. We use Past Simple to describe the action in progress in the past.	T / F
2. We use Past Simple to describe situation in the past.	T / F
3. We use Past Simple to describe parallel actions in the past.	T / F
4. We use Past Continuous to describe what someone was doing in a particular point of time.	T / F
5. We use Past Continuous to describe repetition and irritation.	T / F

2. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets.

1. We really _____ (**enjoy**) the film last Saturday.
2. What _____ (**Thomas Edison / intent**)?
3. I _____ (**not / want**) to go to the science competition last Friday.
4. They _____ (**buy**) a new microscope last month.
5. _____ (**they / find**) any animals in the forest?
6. When I was at school I _____ (**do**) my homework everyday.
7. She _____ (**not / like**) vegetables when she was little.

1. I _____ (do) my homework while my mum _____ (make) dinner.
2. My eyes were closed but I _____ (not / sleep).
3. At 1 a.m. Steve _____ (still / chat) with his friend.
4. Why _____ (you and Zoe / argue) yesterday?
5. It _____ (not / rain) when we were outside.
6. Where _____ (you / have) a picnic last weekend?
7. We _____ (not / listen) so didn't know what to do.

3. Correct the mistakes if there are any.

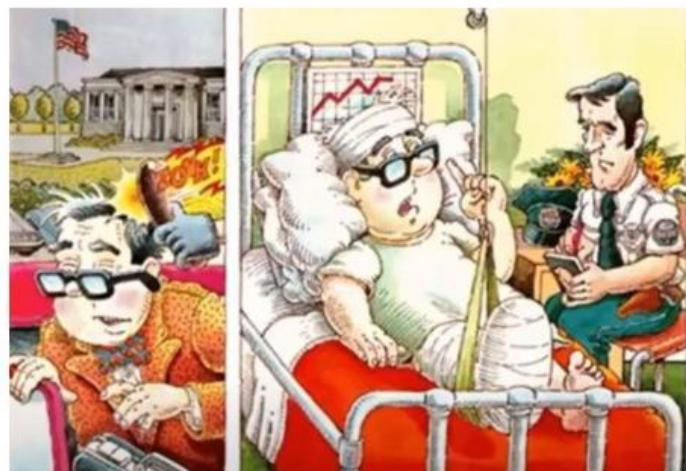
1. We were finding out some information when he was coming.
2. Sam always spoke at the lesson, I hate it.
3. It was raining while we were going home.
4. Marco Polo was living in Venice in 13th century.
5. My new laptop arrived last week.
6. When I was wanting to play my game console it didn't work. It wasn't having any batteries.

4. Read and complete using the words in brackets.

Last night at 9:18p.m., Mr. Scott Shaw, a high school principal, 1.

_____ (walk) from his office to his car when he 2. _____ (attack) from behind. The attacker 3. _____ (hit) the principal on the head. The police think the attacker 4. _____ (be) a student. They are going to question every student in the school - both male or female.

A police officer 5. _____ (question) the victim at the hospital last night.



- What can you remember about the attack, Mr. Shaw?
- I 6. _____ (work) late last night.
- What time 7. _____ you _____ (leave) your office?
- At about a quarter after nine.
- Are you sure?
- Yes, I am. I 8. _____ (look) at my watch.
- What 9. _____ you _____ (do) then?
- Well, I 10. _____ (lock) the office door, and 11. _____ (walk) to the parking lot when somebody 12. _____ (hit) me on the head.

- 13. _____ you _____ (see) the attacker?
- No, he 14. _____ (wear) a mask over his face.
- He? Oh, so it 15. _____ (be) a man?
- Well, I'm not really sure. No... no, I don't know.
- Tell me, Mr. Shaw, how 16. _____ you _____ (break) your legs?
- Well, when they 17. _____ (put) me into the ambulance, they 18. _____ (drop) me!