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## PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE 1 (Dev 1)

Exercise 1: Circle the correct verb form in each sentence. /6

1. While I was doing / did my homework, I had a good idea.
2. Jim was breaking / broke his leg when he was playing golf.
3. When I arrived home after work, I was going / went into the kitchen for a snack.
4. We were finding / found an old box while we were digging in the garden.
5. I was seeing / saw an old friend while I was waiting for the train.
6. While I had / was having a bath, the phone rang.

Exercise 2: Complete each sentence with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. /11

1. Chris (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ spaghetti every day last week.
2. When I (come) \_\_\_\_\_ into the room, two boys  
(play) \_\_\_\_\_ football.
3. Peter (turn on) \_\_\_\_\_ the TV, but nothing (happen)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. While we (run) \_\_\_\_\_ in the park, Mary (fall over)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. While I (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to music, I (hear)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the doorbell.
6. I (break) \_\_\_\_\_ my pen while I (do)  
\_\_\_\_\_ my homework.

**Exercise 3: Past continuous or Past simple? Underline the mistake in each sentence and write the correct form on the line.** /8

1. When I was arriving at Dan's house, he was waiting outside. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. While we were doing a maths test, the head teacher was coming into the room. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. While we swam, it started to rain. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. While I was having a bath, the lights were going out. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Debra watched television when the storm began. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. While I was walking to the shop I was losing my bag! 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What were you doing when I was seeing you yesterday? 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I was walking up the stairs when I was hearing the phone. 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 4: Read the paragraph. Circle the most suitable word for each space.** /10

Last week my friend Sandy and I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the beach on the bus. While we (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus, it suddenly (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to rain. We (4) \_\_\_\_\_ summer clothes, and we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella. While we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ there in the rain, Sandy's mother (7) \_\_\_\_\_ past, so we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to her. Luckily, she (9) \_\_\_\_\_ us, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ us home in the car.

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| 1. A decided        | B was deciding  | C were deciding |
| 2. A were waiting   | B waiting       | C was waiting   |
| 3. A start          | B was starting  | C started       |
| 4. A was wearing    | B wore          | C were wearing  |
| 5. A weren't having | B had           | C didn't have   |
| 6. A stood          | B were standing | C standed       |
| 7. A drived         | B driving       | C drove         |
| 8. A were waving    | B waved         | C was waving    |
| 9. A noticing       | B noticed       | C didn't notice |
| 10. A took          | B take          | C taked         |