

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The last time they spoke to Marina _____
 - 2 The teacher explained the exercise to us, but _____
 - 3 Were there any calls for me _____
 - 4 It started to rain _____
 - 5 My mobile phone rang while _____
 - 6 I fell asleep while I _____
 - 7 Were you doing something important _____
 - 8 I didn't go out last night _____
- a) while we were playing football.
b) when I phoned you?
c) while I was shopping?
d) I was cooking.
e) because I was studying.
f) we weren't listening.
g) she was working in a bar.
h) was watching TV.

Complete the conversations with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Conversation 1

A: I came to see you yesterday, but you weren't at home. What ¹ were you doing (you/do)?

B: I was here, but I ² _____ (play) with my son in the garden, so I ³ _____ (not hear) the doorbell.

Conversation 2

A: I heard you broke your leg. How ⁴ _____ (it/happen)?

B: It happened when I ⁵ _____ (climb) a mountain two weeks ago. I fell and I ⁶ _____ (land) badly.



Conversation 3

A: Wendy told me you ⁷ _____ (see) Jim last week.

B: Yes. I ⁸ _____ (study) in the library and he ⁹ _____ (say) 'hello'.

Conversation 4

A: I hear you crashed the car again. ¹⁰ _____ (you/drive) too fast?

B: No! It wasn't my fault! I ¹¹ _____ (go) at thirty miles an hour when this other car suddenly ¹² _____ (come) out of a side street.

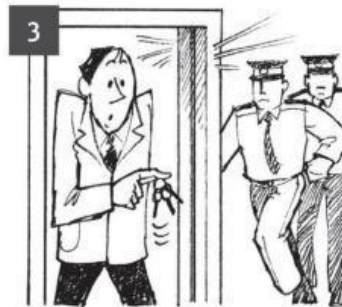
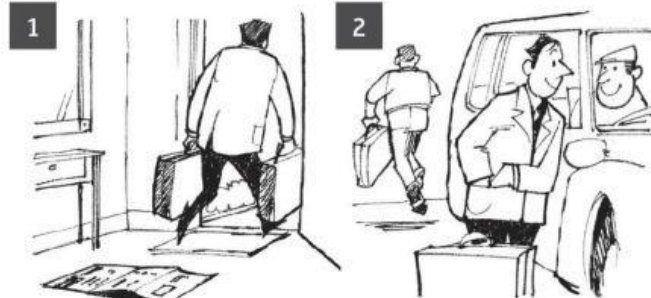
Conversation 5

A: I ¹³ _____ (see) you on your bicycle yesterday. Where ¹⁴ _____ (you/go)?

B: I ¹⁵ _____ (go) to the shops, but I ¹⁶ _____ (drop) my wallet on the way!

Match the phrases in the box with the pictures.

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Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the phrases

This is the story of Tim Bobo's first trip in an aeroplane. He was very excited, but as he was going out of the house, he ¹ dropped his ticket on the floor. He took a taxi to the airport, but while he ² _____, someone took his bag. Luckily, there was nothing important in the bag. He checked in, but while he ³ _____, he found some keys in his pocket. Soon he was on the aeroplane. When it was taking off, he ⁴ _____ around the plane! The flight attendant told him to sit down immediately. Then soon after this he noticed that everyone seemed unhappy, so he started singing. Unfortunately, the other passengers ⁵ _____ and they told him to be quiet. A few hours later, he made one more mistake: while the plane was landing, he ⁶ _____ his mobile phone!

Listen to a story about a German tourist.
Choose the map which shows his journey.



Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 A German man wanted to visit his girlfriend in Sydney, Australia. _____
- 2 When he was booking his ticket, he made a mistake. _____
- 3 His flight took him to the wrong town in Australia. _____
- 4 He was wearing summer clothes because the weather in Montana was hot. _____
- 5 His parents and friends sent him warm clothes. _____
- 6 After a few days, he bought a ticket to Australia. _____