

Past simple or continuous?

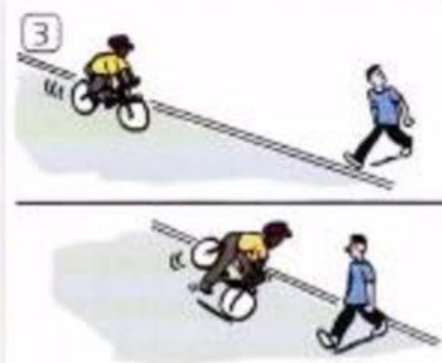
a Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



1 I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she _____ (not / see) me. She _____ (look) the other way.



2 I _____ (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They _____ (go) to Paris and I _____ (go) to Rome. We _____ (have) a chat while we _____ (wait) for our flights.



3 I _____ (cycle) home yesterday when a man _____ (step) out into the road in front of me. I _____ (go) quite fast, but luckily I _____ (manage) to stop in time and _____ (not / hit) him.

b Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- 1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 2 'What _____ (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- 3 '_____ (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- 4 How fast _____ (you / drive) when the accident _____ (happen)?
- 5 Sam _____ (take) a picture of me while I _____ (not / look).
- 6 We were in a very difficult position. We _____ (not / know) what to do.
- 7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last _____ (see) him, he _____ (try) to find a job.
- 8 I _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was scared and I _____ (start) to run.
- 9 When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a pilot.
- 10 Last night I _____ (drop) a plate when I _____ (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it _____ (not / break).

c Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (I did) or past continuous (I was doing)

- 1 Katherine was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (I / arrive).
- 2 The weather was horrible when _____ (we / arrive). It was cold and _____ (it / rain) hard.
- 3 a: When I last saw you, _____ (you / think) of moving to a new flat.
b: That's right, but in the end _____ (I / decide) to stay where I was.
- 4 Sorry I'm late. My phone _____ (ring) three times while _____ (I / get) ready to go out.

- 5 Lisa was busy when _____ (we / go) to see her yesterday. She had an exam today and _____ (she / prepare) for it.
(we / not / want) to disturb her, so _____ (we / not / stay) very long.
- 6 When I first _____ (tell) Tom what happened, _____ (he / not / believe) me. _____ (he / think) that _____ (I / joke).

d Which goes with which?

- 1 When I got to the cafe
- 2 We fell asleep
- 3 Amy learnt Italian
- 4 Tom didn't come out with us
- 5 The car began to make a strange noise
- 6 The TV was on
- 7 When I first met Jessica

- a when she was living in Rome.
- b she was working in a clothes shop.
- c when I was driving home.
- d but nobody was watching it.
- e while we were watching a film.
- f my friends were waiting for me.
- g because he wasn't feeling well.

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Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (I did), past continuous (I was doing)

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Yesterday afternoon Sarah went (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she _____ (get) there, Paul _____ (wait) for her.

2



When I got home, Ben _____ (lie) on the sofa. The TV was on, but he _____ (not / watch) it. | Hello.

3



Last night I _____ (read) a book when suddenly I _____ (hear) a noise. I _____ (get) up to see what it was, but I _____ (not / see) anything, so I _____ (go) back to bed.