

Exercise 1: Simple past or past progressive?

1. At 6.15, when you phoned, I _____ having a shower.
2. We _____ TV all evening.
3. Matt _____ TV when Anita came in.
4. My father _____ hard all his life.
5. They got married while they _____ at London University.
6. Yesterday we _____ from Oxford to Edinburgh and back.
7. It was a nice evening, so she _____ home from work.
8. I met Sylvie while I _____ in Japan.
9. At university I _____ physics.
10. When I last saw him he _____ to a policeman.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with past progressive verbs.

1. At seven o'clock on Friday (we play cards +)
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2. When I saw him he was holding the phone but (talk -)
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3. When Mary got up (it snow +)
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4. When I saw Alice, (she walk -) very fast
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5. What (you do ?) at ten o'clock yesterday evening
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6. When you heard them, (they talk about me ?)

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7. How fast (you drive ?) when you had the accident

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8. The doorbell rang when I (expect -) anybody

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9. I don't know what I (do +) at 10.00 on January 13th, 2005

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10. I had to drive to London because the trains (run -) when I left home

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