

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks past continuous.

1. I lost my keys when I _____ (walk) home.
2. It was raining while we _____ (have) dinner.
3. I saw the department stores when I _____ (sit) on the bus.
4. Her phone rang while she _____ (talk) to her new boss.
5. My friends _____ (drive) to work when they heard the news on the radio.
6. He _____ (ride) his bicycle when the cat ran across the road.
7. We couldn't go to the beach yesterday because it _____ (rain)
8. It was a lovely day. The sun was shining and the birds _____ (sing) in the trees.
9. The tourist lost his camera while he _____ (walk) around the city.
10. The lorry _____ (go) very fast when it hit our car.
11. I _____ (walk) down the street when it began to rain.
12. At this time last year, I _____ (attend) an English course.
13. Jim _____ (stand) under the tree when he heard an explosion.
14. While I _____ (study) in my room, my roommates _____ (have) a party in the other room.
15. Mary and I _____ (dance) the house when the telephone rang.

Exercise 2: Circle the correct answer.

1. Alice **saw/ was seeing** the accident when she was catching the bus.
2. What **were you doing/ did you do** when I called?
3. I **didn't visit/ weren't visiting** my friends last summer holiday.
4. It **rained/ was raining** heavily last July.
5. While people were talking to each other, he **read/ was reading** his book.
6. My sister **was eating/ ate** hamburgers every weekend last month.

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7. While we **were running/ ran** in the park, Mary fell over.
8. **Did you find/ Were you finding** your keys yesterday?
9. Who **was she dancing/ did she dance** with at the party last night?
10. They **were watching/ watched** football on TV at 7 p.m. yesterday.

Exercise 3: Fill in the blanks past simple or past continuous.

1. At this time last year, they (build)_____ this stadium.
2. I (drive)_____ my motorbike very fast when James called me.
3. I (chat) _____ with Hannah while Mr. Henry (teach)_____ the lesson yesterday.
4. My brother (watch)_____ TV when I got home.
5. At this time last night, I (prepare)_____ for my husband's birthday party.
6. What you (do)_____ at 7 pm last Monday?
7. Where you (go)_____ when I saw you last weekend?
8. They (not go)_____ to church when I met them yesterday.
9. My mother (not do)_____ the housework when our grandparents came home.
10. Ms. Stacey (read)_____ books while her children (play)_____ football yesterday afternoon.