

Past continuous and past simple

1. Complete the sentences with the PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ to read because I was tired. (not want)
2. My sister _____ dinner for all the family last night. It was very good! (make)
3. Matt and Jamie _____ the bus at the right stop so they were late for the play. (not get off)
4. Our French teacher _____ us about some famous places in Paris. (tell)
5. We _____ our hotel because the people were really friendly. (love)

2. Complete the conversation with the correct PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verbs.

A: Where were you in the storm yesterday?

B: I was at the park. I (1) _____ (play) tennis with Emma. We saw Carla and Amy there.

A: Really? What (2) _____ (they / do)?

B: Well, they (3) _____ (not play) tennis. They (4) _____ (sit) near the café.

A: (5) _____ (Amy / wear) her new jacket?

B: No. She didn't have a jacket.

A: And what (6) _____ (Carla / wear)?

B: I don't know! I (7) _____ (not look) at their clothes! I (8) _____ (try) to play tennis.

A: Did you win?

B: No. Well, I (9) _____ (not win) when we stopped. I had two games and Emma had five. Were you out in the storm too?

A: Yes. I (10) _____ (come) home from the shops. It was exciting!



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3. Complete the sentences. Use past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box

see / travel not rain / leave have / phone arrive / surf wait / hear

1. I _____ dinner when you _____.
2. While we _____, we _____ strange noise.
3. _____ you _____ a mummy while you _____ in Egypt?
4. It _____ when I _____ the house.
5. When my friends _____, I _____ the internet.

4. Complete with past simple or past continuous of the verbs in the brackets. Use two tenses in each sentence.

1. I _____ (stand) in the bank when the robbers _____ (steal) the money.
2. The police _____ (arrest) him because he _____ (speed) in the city centre.
3. Julie's friend _____ (arrive) when she _____ (talk) on the phone.
4. When I _____ (see) them on their bikes, they _____ (not wear) helmets.
5. Tom _____ (not listen) to the teacher so he _____ (not hear) the question.
6. The suspects _____ (try) to escape when they _____ (have) a car accident.
7. We _____ (not go) to the beach because it _____ (rain).
8. My neighbour _____ (complain) because we _____ (play) loud music.

