

Past continuous and past simple

Exercise 1

Choose the correct past continuous and past simple forms to complete the sentences below.

- 1 I while I down the stairs.
- 2 He very fast when he the accident.
- 3 It when we home.
- 4 I your call because I .
- 5 This morning I and I breakfast for everybody.
- 6 When I her, she a really nice purple dress.
- 7 Last Saturday we late and we the train.
- 8 I hello because you very fast.
- 9 I happily when a loud noise .
- 10 attention when you your car?

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Exercise 2

Choose the correct past continuous and past simple forms for the gaps below.

1 After the conference, I _____ that a man _____ the walls of the building.

A. was seeing / was painting

B. saw / was painting

C. was seeing / painted

2 He was so angry that he _____ and _____.

A. was getting up / left

B. got up / was leaving

C. got up / left

3 I _____ the vase while I _____ the bookshelf.

A. broke / was cleaning

B. broke / cleaned

C. was breaking / was cleaning

4 As soon as we walked into the room, we _____ a noise. Someone _____ my computer.

A. heard / used

B. were hearing / used

C. heard / was using

5 The bus in which the football team _____ had an accident, but nobody _____.

A. were travelling / died

B. travelled / died

C. were travelling / were dying

6 I _____ the party, but Sonia _____ to leave.

A. was enjoying / was wanting

B. enjoyed / was wanting

C. was enjoying / wanted

7 The police _____ him while he _____ to escape.

A. caught / tried

B. caught / was trying

C. were catching / was trying

8 We _____ what to do, so we just called the police and _____.

A. didn't know / waited

B. weren't knowing / waited

C. didn't know / were waiting

9 When I last _____ her she _____ high-heeled shoes.

A. saw / wore

B. was seeing / was wearing

C. saw / was wearing

10 The sun _____, so we _____ our clothes and got into the water.

A. was shining / took off

B. shone / took off

C. shone / were taking off

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Exercise 3

Fill in the gaps with the correct past continuous and past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

When I **1** (arrive) at the station, Raimond **2** (wait) for me. He **3** (wear) a nice black suit and he **4** (hold) a red rose in his right hand.

When I **5** (get off) the train, he **6** (run) up to me and **7** (kiss) me passionately.

It **8** (rain) heavily so he **9** (take off) his jacket and **10** (put) it over my head. I **11** (tell) Raimond to go to a café so that we could talk, but he **12** (insist) on going to another place.

While he **13** (drive), I **14** (throw) a look at him. He **15** (smile) all the time, but he also **16** (look) nervous.

He finally **17** (stop) his car on the top of a hill with fantastic views. It was so wonderful. We **18** (get out) of the car, and he **19** (kneel) in front of me and **20** (take) a ring out of his pocket. "Kathy, will you..." he said. "Listen, Raimond, I want to break up with you," I interrupted.