

PAST SIMPLE / PAST CONTINUOUS

GRAMMAR PRACTICE



1 Choose the correct option

- a. Dad **was taking** / **took** a photo of me while I **was singing** / **sang** at the party.
- b. Tom **was studying** / **studied** for his tests when I **was visiting** / **visited** him.
- c. Last night I **was reading** / **read** when the lights **were going** / **went** out.
- d. The boys **were still playing** / **still played** video games at 3 a.m.
- e. What **were you doing** / **did you do** at 9 p.m last night??
- f. Mark **was breaking** / **broke** his leg while he **was climbing** / **climbed**.
- g. On Saturday I **was going** / **went** to the cinema and then I **was eating** / **ate** out.
- h. Linda **was going** / **went** to bed when she **was hearing** / **heard** a noise.
- i. When you **were arriving** / **arrived** at the party, who **was being** / **was there**?
- j. Sally **was having** / **had** lunch when Lucy **was calling** / **called** her.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

- a. The man fell off the ladder while he _____ (cut) some branches.
- b. _____ you _____ (go) to school yesterday?
- c. My parents _____ (sleep) when the telephone rang.
- d. I _____ (not be) at home when my father _____ (arrive)
- e. When the teacher entered the classroom everyone _____ (work).
- f. He _____ (live) in Japan when there was a tsunami.
- g. When Lara arrived, her parents _____ (wait) for her at the airport.

3 Read the sentences and correct the mistakes.

- a. It was a nice day. The sun was shine. _____
- b. I was started school in 2015. _____
- c. Last summer we visiting Rome. _____
- d. Why you were crying when I came in? _____
- d. At 11 p.m we were sleep. _____