

PAST SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

1.

Choose the best answer in each sentence.

- 1 What were you doing when the pickpocket stole your wallet?
 - I listened to music and sent a text message.
 - I was listening to music and sending a text message.
- 2 Who were you talking to this morning?
 - My mum. She phoned because she wanted me to buy some bread.
 - My mum was phoning me because she wanted me to buy some bread.
- 3 What happened to your computer?
 - I was playing a game and it was hacked.
 - I played a game and it was hacked.
- 4 Did you see what the burglar looked like?
 - No, it was dark. He ran away.
 - No, it was dark. He was run away.
- 5 Did you hear the doorbell?
 - No, I was sleeping.
 - No, I slept.

3.-

Complete the conversation with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

be get imagine look love
run see sing take think

A: That's a good photo. Tell me about it!

B: I ¹ _____ late for school and I ² _____ down the road. It was a beautiful day and the birds ³ _____. I ⁴ _____ about my English homework. I had to write a story about a photo. I didn't know what to write. You know, when you have no ideas! But then I ⁵ _____ up and I ⁶ _____ this amazing graffiti art on the wall near the supermarket! I ⁷ _____ out my phone and ⁸ _____ a photo.

A: Did you write about it for your homework?

B: I did! I ⁹ _____ the lives of the graffiti artists. Some people think they are criminals; some don't. That's what interested me. My teacher ¹⁰ _____ the story! I got a great mark!

2.

Correct the mistakes in these sentences or tick (✓) any you think are correct.

- 1 They steal chocolate from the shop when I saw them.
- 2 On Saturday, although it was raining, I went to the fun fair with my friends.
- 3 We were sitting on the bus when the vandals write on the windows.
- 4 It snowed when I woke up this morning.
- 5 I arrived home in the morning, but then I was sleeping all day.

4.-

Complete the story. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs.

Marcus Jones was very lucky last weekend. He ⁰ was cycling (cycle) home from the city centre. It ¹ _____ (snow) and the road was icy. Suddenly his bike ² _____ (slip) and he ³ _____ (fall off) onto the pavement. He ⁴ _____ (pick up) his bike off the road when he ⁵ _____ (see) something in the sky. It ⁶ _____ (move) towards him very fast. He ⁷ _____ (jump) back onto the pavement and the object ⁸ _____ (hit) the road. It was a piece of a meteorite. 'I was glad I ⁹ _____ (not stand) there!' he ¹⁰ _____ (tell) journalists later.