

Past Continuous vs Past Simple

5 Underline the correct item.

- 1 I watched / was watching a DVD when my cat jumped / was jumping on me.
- 2 She was buying / bought a new dress last month.
- 3 Greg was sleeping / slept while Joanne listened / was listening to her MP3 player.
- 4 Mum cooked / was cooking dinner when someone knocked / was knocking on the door.
- 5 Sue was watering / watered the flowers when it started / start to rain.
- 6 They were walking / walked to school last Monday because there was no bus.
- 7 I ate / was eating a sandwich while my parents drank / were drinking coffee.

6 Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous or the past simple.

- 1 Jack was playing (play) a video game when his brother, Tom, entered (enter) the room.
- 2 I (study) for my English test when my mother (come) home from work.
- 3 I (read) a book when my sister (leave) for the cinema.
- 4 Emma (wash) the dishes when the telephone (ring).
- 5 I (write) an email when the lights (go) out.

8 Read the letter and write the missing words. Write one word on each line.

Dear Georgia,

I'm writing to you from my hotel room 1) in Berlin. You can't imagine what happened to me yesterday! I was walking in Mitte at around noon 2) it started raining. 3) I was running back to the hotel, I saw a famous actor who was eating in a restaurant. I went in and 4) hello and he gave me two tickets to see his new film. Isn't that great?

That's all for now. See you 5) I get back!

Love,
Rachel