1. Drag the options to their correct category :

Past simple	Past progressive

- Formed with the subject and the verb in the past simple.
- If the verb ends with *-e*, just add a *-d* .
- Shows us that the action was already in progress at a certain time in the past.
- Formed with the auxiliary *was* or *were* plus the gerund ending in *-ing* of the verb.
- Shows us that an action was in the past
- While
- When
- He travelled around the world.
- As I was having dinner, she was watching tv.

2. According to the rules for the past simple, write the correct form of the verbs:

Infinitive	Past simple	Infinitive	Past simple
answer	_____	push	_____
brush	_____	remember	_____
carry	_____	return	_____
clean	_____	arrest	_____
climb	_____	ask	_____
close	_____	save	_____
comb	_____	scream	_____
cook	_____	talk	_____
turn	_____	study	_____
study	_____	wash	_____

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3. 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

4. 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 the police [ ] him.

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3. It [ ] when we [ ] home.

4. I [ ] your call because I [ ].

5. This morning I [ ] and I [ ] breakfast for everybody.

5. Decide if each question or statement is correct or wrong:

1. **I left home at six-thirty this morning and went to work.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

2. **He was doing his homework when I called him.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

3. **Did the storm wake you up? It was raining heavily all night.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

4. **Stewart wasn't careful. He hit a tree and he was falling off his bike.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

5. **I watched TV when I heard the phone ring.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

6. **(A) Were you and John studying? (B) Yes, we were.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

7. **Sarah found a new job at an office downtown.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

8. **I was washing the dishes and Tom was sweeping the floor.**
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

6. Past tense dictations, write what you hear:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

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7. Find the mistakes and correct them:

1. While I chatted to Sue, the phone rang.

_____

2. He is passing the ball to Jones and then ran down the pitch.

_____

3. Who are they play against last summer?

_____

4. No, we didn't went surfing in Australia last year.

_____

5. I waited for you in the car park when it started to rain.

_____

6. When he felt ill, he was taking some medicine. Then, he went to bed.

_____

7. While he writing someone knocked at the door.

_____

8. The story was started 18th century in a farmhouse.

_____

9. I didn't driving the car at two yesterday.

_____

10. Did you waiting your brother in the park this morning?

_____

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