

PAST SIMPLE VS. PAST CONTINUOUS

Choose the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.

1. Mary **prepared / was preparing** lunch when they **came / was coming**.
2. Who was that nice girl you **talked / were talking** to when I **walked / was walking** by the pub?
3. Last weekend Susan **fell / was falling** and **broke / was breaking** her leg.
4. We **drove / were driving** to Berlin last Sunday.
5. The sun **shone / was shining** brightly when I **got up / was getting up** this morning.
6. Ann finally **told / was telling** us the story about Peter last month.
7. Yesterday Jane **fell / was falling** and **hurt / was hurting** herself while she **rode / was riding** her bicycle.
8. Helen **wore / was wearing** her dress to the party last night.
9. He **waited / was waiting** for half an hour when they **arrived / were arriving**.
10. Where was he going when you **saw / was seeing** him?
11. She **talked / was talking** to John on the phone when I **walked / was walking** in.
12. Did she **know / knew** they **came / were coming** to the party?
13. How many people were sitting in the waiting room when you **arrived / were arriving**?
14. I met them in the street while I **shopped / was shopping**.
15. The postman arrived while I **left / was leaving** the house.
16. We **walked / were walking** down by the river when it **started / was starting** to rain.
17. The storm started while we **drove / were driving** back from London.
18. They met when they **worked / were working** in Paris.
19. What time **did she arrive / was she arriving** last night?
20. He **broke / was breaking** his foot while he was playing football on Saturday.
21. I **cut / was cutting** my finger while I **chopped / was chopping** vegetables.
22. The plane **left / was leaving** over an hour ago.
23. I **drove / was driving** fast when I was flashed by the speed camera.
24. What **were you doing / did you do** at 8 p.m. yesterday?
25. My parents **went / were going** to several concerts while they **stayed / were staying** in Paris.

PAST SIMPLE

Form: Subject + Verb 2.

- He **played** tennis yesterday.
- The children **went** to the park this morning.
- Did you see Bob yesterday?
- They **didn't** come to the party on Sunday.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Form: Subject + was/were + Verb+ing.

- We **were playing** tennis at 4 p.m. yesterday.
- They **were eating** when we arrived.

While + PAST CONTINUOUS
When + PAST SIMPLE