

SIMPLE PAST VS. PAST CONTINUOUS

Past continuous

Example:

1 At the time of the crash, Carl (go) to work.

2 He (drink) coffee.

3 He (send) a text.

4 He (not look) at the road.

Past simple

5 Carl (not see) the stop sign.

6 Luckily, he (get) better quickly after the accident!

7 He never (use) his phone again while he was driving.

Exercise 2*

Choose the correct options.

1 A: a good summer vacation?

B: It was wonderful, thanks. This time last week I was on the beach. I in a classroom!

2 A: Oh no! What to you?

B: I broke my leg while I a snowmobile!

3 A: What when I called at nine o'clock last night?

B: Sorry. I the phone. I was doing my homework!

Exercise 3*

Complete the sentences with the Past simple or the Past continuous form of the verbs.

Example:

1 While I (walk) home one day, I (meet) a man who changed my life.

2 When I (be) born, my parents (live) in a farmhouse.

3 I (lose) my passport while I (run) through the airport.

4 I (swim) in the sea when I (see) Max on a speedboat.

5 The light in the lighthouse (not work) when the accident (happen).

Exercise 1

Choose the correct verb forms.

Example:

1 When the teacher in, everyone was talking.

2 This time last week I on the beach.

3 My mom met my dad while she in the US.

4 I'm sorry, I my homework yesterday.

5 He his leg while he was playing soccer.

6 We at the camera when she took the photo.