

# PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS

## I. Complete the following sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 Matt phoned while we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The doorbell rang while I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 We saw an accident while we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Ann fell asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The television was on, but nobody \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Past simple or past continuous?

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ while I \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs. (fall, go)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ very fast when the police \_\_\_\_\_ him. (drive, stop)
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_ home. (snow, leave)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ your call because I \_\_\_\_\_ at that time. (not answer, work)
5. This morning I \_\_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast for everybody. (get up, make)
6. When I \_\_\_\_\_ her, she \_\_\_\_\_ a really nice purple dress. (see, wear)
7. Last Saturday we \_\_\_\_\_ late and we \_\_\_\_\_ the train. (get up, miss)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ hello because you \_\_\_\_\_ very fast. (not say, walk)
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ happily when a loud noise \_\_\_\_\_. (sleep, wake me up)
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ you last night? (you do, call)

## III. 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.

- heard / used
- were hearing / used
- heard / was using

5. The bus in which the football team \_\_\_\_ had an accident, but nobody \_\_\_\_.

- were travelling / died
- travelled / died
- were travelling / were dying

6. I \_\_\_\_ the party, but Sonia \_\_\_\_ to leave.

- was enjoying / was wanting
- enjoyed / was wanting
- was enjoying / wanted

7. The police \_\_\_\_ him while he \_\_\_\_ to escape.

- caught / tried
- caught / was trying
- were catching / was trying

8. We \_\_\_\_ what to do, so we just called the police and \_\_\_\_.

- didn't know / waited
- weren't knowing / waited
- didn't know / were waiting

9. When I last \_\_\_\_ her she \_\_\_\_ high-heeled shoes.

- saw / wore
- was seeing / was wearing
- saw / was wearing

10. The sun \_\_\_\_, so we \_\_\_\_ our clothes and got into the water.

- was shining / took off
- shone / took off
- shone / were taking off

**IV. Fill in the gaps with the correct past continuous and past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.**

When I 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the station, Raimond 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me. He 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a nice black suit and he 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a red rose in his right hand. When I 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (get off) the train, he 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (run) up to me and 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (hug) me tightly. It 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) heavily so he 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (take off) his jacket and 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (put) it over my head. I 11 \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Raimond to go to a café so that we could talk, but he 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (insist) on going to another place. While he 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (drive), I 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) a look at him. He 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (smile), but he also 16 \_\_\_\_\_ (look) nervous. He finally 17 \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) his car on the top of a hill with fantastic views. It was so wonderful. We 18 \_\_\_\_\_ (get out) of the car, and he 19 \_\_\_\_\_ (kneel) in front of me and 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a ring out of his pocket. "Kathy, will you..." he said. "Listen, Raimond, I want to break up with you," I interrupted.

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