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PAST CONTINUOUS vs PAST SIMPLE

1. Underline the correct alternative.

1. He *was jumping* / *jumped* off the train while it *moved* / *was moving*
2. What *did your neighbour do* / *was your neighbour doing* when you *knocked*/ *were knocking* at the door ?
3. When I *arrived* / *was arriving* at school this morning, the bell *rang*/ *was ringing* and the students *went* / *were going* to their classrooms.
4. What *did you do* / *were you doing* when the light *went out* / *was going out* an hour ago?
5. *Did they sleep* / *Were they sleeping* when the fire *broke* / *was breaking* out ?
6. While I *went* / *was walking* in the park I *lost* / *was losing* my keys.
7. I *was reading* / *read* a detective story while Jenny *was playing*/ *played* the piano.
8. I *rode* / *was riding* my bicycle when suddenly a man *stepped* / *was stepping* out into the street.

2. Complete the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous.

1. She _____ (wash) her hands, when she _____ (drop) the soap.
2. While I _____ (look) for my car keys, I _____ (find) my mum's bracelet.
3. The woman _____ (steal) my purse while I _____ (queue up).
4. I _____ (cut) my finger while I _____ (slice) the cheese.
5. When we first _____ (meet) we _____ (study) at university.
6. Charlotte _____ (hurt) her arm while she _____ (ski).
7. While I _____ (drive) along the road, a dog _____ (run) out in front of my car.
8. Jessica _____ (phone) while I _____ (get) ready to go out.

3. Complete the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous.

1. When Mrs Reynolds _____ (leave) the house this morning, it _____ (snow).
2. When the two girls _____ (arrive), I _____ (talk) to Rachel.
3. What _____ (you do) at 9.30 when the robbers _____ (enter) the bank?
4. Will and Martin _____ (have) a great time in Rome last month.
5. I _____ (hurry) to the airport when two policemen _____ (stop) me.
6. The students _____ (run) in the corridor when the teacher _____ (shout) at them.
7. I _____ (notice) that smoke _____ (come) out of the window.
8. Paul _____ (go) to bed when he _____ (remember) to call his boss.