

UNIT 0

Past tenses

a) Complete the sentences with the subjects and the **past continuous** of the verbs in brackets:

1. _____ the washing-up. (he / do).
2. What _____ ? (you / watch)
3. _____ from Paris. (the train / come)
4. _____ our plane tickets to London.
(we / buy)
5. _____ to the teacher! (you / not listen)
6. Why _____ so much noise? (they / make)
7. _____ very heavily all night. (it / rain)
8. _____ very high when it crashed.
(the plane / not fly)
9. _____ too well until they replaced Jackson. (our team / not play).
10. Where _____ ? _____ for you!
(you / hide / I / look for)

b) Write questions in the **past continuous** to have the underlined information repeated. Use these wh- words:

what / what colour / what kind / how / who
which / how far / where / how many / why

- 1 I was working **at the hospital** at the time.
- 2 The boys were playing with the **big** ball.
- 3 I was trying to kill the mice **using some rat poison**.
- 4 **Susie and Anna** were helping me with my homework.
- 5 **Fifty** people were dancing at the disco.
- 6 I was studying **because I had an exam the next day**.
- 7 They were buying **some spinach** at the greengrocer's.
- 8 I was living **two hundred km** from here at the time.
- 9 She was painting her house **red**.
- 10 Bob was buying a **laptop** computer.

3) Complete these sentences with the **past simple** of the verbs in brackets, and the **past continuous** of one of the verbs in the list:

water / sleep / talk / drive / examine /
dream / wait / change / interview / observe

1. When I _____ (get) home from the party my parents _____ for me. They _____ (be) furious!
2. I _____ (do) all the housework while you _____ on the phone!
3. The doctor _____ the patient when he _____ (sneeze).
4. I _____ in my bed when that dog _____ (start) to howl again!
5. You _____ (look) very frightened. What _____?
6. The journalist _____ the prime minister while his chauffeur _____ them to the airport.
7. The astronomer _____ a comet when he _____ (discover) a new planet.
8. The nurse _____ my bandages when you _____ (come) in.
9. The last time I _____ (see) him he _____ some flowers in his garden.
10. The spy _____ a cigarette near the phone box when the phone _____ (begin) to ring.

4) Complete these sentences with the **past simple** or the **past continuous** of the verbs in brackets:

- 1 He _____ too fast when he _____ the accident. (drive / have)
- 2 The policeman _____ some notes when the car _____. (take / explode)
- 3 I _____ the Internet when the lights _____ out. (surf / go)
- 4 He is so stupid! He _____ on the phone while he _____. ! (talk / drive)
- 5 My father _____ very angry when he _____ what I _____ with his new computer. (get / see / do)
- 6 When Karen _____ what Bridget _____ about her behind her back, she _____ that she _____ to be her friend any longer. (hear / say / decide / not want)
- 7 Oh, hello, I _____ some magazines while I _____ for you. (look at / wait)
- 8 While the children _____ in the garden, their mother _____ dinner. When she _____, she _____ them to get in and wash their hands. (play / cook / finish / tell)
- 9 While I _____ TV I _____ I still _____ write my English composition. (watch / not remember / have to)
- 10 My psychiatrist _____ I _____ things when I _____ a pink elephant. (say / imagine / see)