

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets in past simple or past continuous. (1)

In my last holiday, I went to Hawaii. When I (1) *(go)* to the beach for the first time, something wonderful happened. I (2) *(swim)* in the sea while my mother was sleeping in the sun. My brother was building a castle and my father (3) *(drink)* some water. Suddenly I (4) *(see)* a boy on the beach. His eyes were blue like the water in the sea and his hair (5) *(be)* beautiful black. He was very tall and thin and his hair was brown. My heart (6) *(beat)* fast. I (7) *(ask)* him for his name with a shy voice. He (8) *(tell)* me that his name was John. He (9) *(stay)* with me the whole afternoon. In the evening, we met again. We ate pizza in a food stall. The following days we (10) *(have)* a lot of fun together. At the end of my holidays when I left Hawaii I said good-bye to John. We had tears in our eyes. He wrote to me a letter very soon and I answered him.

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in brackets in past simple or past continuous. (2)

1. While Tom (read), Mai Ly (watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Mark (come) home, (switch) on the computer and (check) his emails.
3. The thief (sneak) into the house, (steal) the jewels and (leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody (listen) while the teacher (explain) the tenses.
5. While we (do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends (lie) on the beach.
6. He (wake) up and (look) at his watch.
7. The receptionist (welcome) the guests and (ask) them to fill in the form.
8. The car (break) down and we (have) to walk home.
9. The boys (swim) while the girls (sunbathe)
10. My father (come) in, (look) around and (tell) me to tidy up my room.
11. What (Joey and Lyly/ do) while their parents were working on the farm?
12. While the parents (have) breakfast, their children (run) away.
13. Martha (turn) off the lights and (go) to bed.
14. When I (do) the washing-up, I (break) a plate.

15. While Tom (play)the piano, his mother (do) the washing-up.