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GRADE 8 UNIT 6 TEST
CRIME WATCH

GRAMMAR Past Continuous vs Past Simple | *when* & *while*

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A. Read the grammar rules for the use of Past Simple and Past Continuous in the a sentence.

Past continuous & past simple | *when* & *while*

We often use the past continuous and the past simple together. The past continuous describes an action or situation that was in progress, and the past simple describes a completed action.

*The burglar **was climbing** through the window when the police officer **saw** him.*

*When I **went out**, it **was raining**.*

We connect the actions with *when* and *while*.

*I **was cooking** dinner **when** I **heard** a loud noise.*

***When / While** I **was reading** a magazine, the thief **took** my bag.*

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B. Read and complete the dialogues with the correct Past Simple and Past Continuous.
(14 marks)



Policeman: Where were you at ten o'clock last night?

Ronnie: I [1] *was sitting* (sit) in my apartment. I [2] _____ (eat) a pizza with my mate Gary.

Policeman: What time [3] _____ (Gary / arrive)?

Ronnie: At about half past eight.

Policeman: What [4] _____ (you / do) when [5] _____ (he / arrive)?

Ronnie: When [6] _____ (he / ring) the doorbell, [7] _____ (I / watch) a film.

Policeman: What film [8] _____ (you / watch)?

Ronnie: *Pirates of the Caribbean.*



Policeman: Where were you at 10pm?

Gary: I was at Ronnie's house.

Policeman: Were [9] _____ cards (you and Ronnie / play) ?

Gary: No, we [10] _____ (eat) a pizza.

Policeman: [11] _____ (Ronnie / watch TV) when [12] _____ (you / arrive)?

Gary: Yes, he [13] _____.

Policeman: [14] _____ (he / watch) *Pirates of the Caribbean*?

Gary: No way! Ronnie hates pirate films. [15] _____ (he / watch) *The Hobbit*!

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C. Complete the sentences with the correct Past Simple and Past Continuous form of the verbs in the brackets. (14 marks)

1. Josh and Nick *were playing* tennis when they *saw* the plane. **(play / see)**
2. While she _____ her mobile phone, Lisa _____ the knife. **(look for / find)**
3. The muggers _____ the money when they _____ the police car. **(count / hear)**
4. When they _____ to the pool, it _____. **(get / rain)**
5. I _____ my friend in the street while I _____ to school. **(see / walk)**
6. Ryan _____ a book in his room when the lights _____ out. **(read / go)**
7. My parents _____ when they _____ at university. **(meet / study)**
8. When my cousin _____, I _____ my website. **(arrive / update)**

D. Complete the sentences with the correct Past Simple and Past Continuous form of the verbs in the brackets. (14 marks)

1. I *was swimming* in the sea when I *saw* a shark. **(swim / see)**
2. When the man _____, the pickpocket _____ his wallet. **(shop / take)**
3. Nathan _____ when he _____ over. **(dance / fall)**
4. They _____ lost while they _____ in the forest. **(get / walk)**
5. While Claire _____ in her office, she _____ the noise. **(work / hear)**
6. When the film _____, my granddad _____. **(end / sleep)**
7. We _____ to the hotel while it _____. **(get / snow)**
8. When Martina _____ her messages, she _____ into a tree. **(read / walk)**

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