



GRAMMAR QUIZ ON PAST TENSES

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- Complete the following sentences with the correct Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The twins (play) in the garden while Mum (cook) their lunch.
2. She (finish) the chapter and (turn) off the light.
3. Lucy (do) her homework at 7 o'clock in the morning.
4. I (drive) home when I (hear) the bad news on the radio.
5. I (try) to explain the situation to my parents, but they just (not/understand) what I was talking about.
6. What time (you/go) to bed last night?

- For each of these sentences, choose the correct alternative, Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I **met/was meeting** Fiona last year at a party.
2. I **watched/was watching** TV when I heard a noise in the kitchen.
3. When Simon **rang/was ringing**, I was getting ready to go out.
4. Eventually I **arrived/was arriving** at the end of the tunnel and walked into a large stadium.
5. What **did you do/were you doing** at one o'clock this morning?

- These sentences contain mistakes with the verbs. Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. The ship sank because the engineer wasn't calling for help until it was too late.
2. What did you after you left school?
3. When you realise that your bike had been stolen?
4. I can't imagine why you were believing all those stories!
5. We waiting for a bus when we heard the bank alarm go off.
6. Martin looked forward to a quiet evening when his brother came home from the football match with ten friends.

