

PAST SIMPLE VS PAST CONTINUOUS IN ENGLISH.

Use long forms (except for negatives)

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1. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Leo _____ (jump) when he broke his leg.
- 2 I saw a car crash into a tree while I _____ (walk) home.
- 3 While we _____ (watch) a horror film, we heard some strange noises.
- 4 _____ (you / visit) many places when you were travelling in Spain?
- 5 Something happened to the computer while I _____ (do) my homework.
- 6 She _____ (fall) asleep while she was lying down.
- 7 What were you doing when you _____ (see) the ghost?
- 8 Mum and Dad met while they _____ (study) at university.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

see / travel not rain / leave have / phone arrive / surf wait / hear

- 1 I _____ dinner when you _____.
- 2 While we _____, we _____ strange noises.
- 3 _____ you _____ a mummy while you _____ in Egypt?
- 4 It _____ when I _____ the house.
- 5 When my friends _____, I _____ the Internet.

3. Past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets. Use two tenses in each sentence.

- 1 I (stand) in the bank when the robbers (steal) the money.
- 2 The police (arrest) him because he (speed) in the city centre.
- 3 Julie's friend (arrive) when she (talk) on the phone.
- 4 When I (see) them on their bikes, they (not wear) helmets.
- 5 Tom (not listen) to the teacher so he (not hear) the question.
- 6 The suspects (try) to escape when they (have) a car accident.
- 7 We (not go) to the beach because it (rain).
- 8 My neighbour (complain) because we (play) loud music.