

## 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.