

PAPER WORK
PAST SIMPLE VS. PAST CONTINUOUS



1-Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the Past Simple

- a) Yesterday evening I _____ (work) hard till late because I _____
(have) a difficult task to do.
- b) They _____ (climb) a very high mountain during their last holidays.
- c) My mother _____ (give) me a new CD and my sister and I
_____ (listen) to it immediately.
- d) My aunt _____ (play) the violin when she _____ (be) young.

2. Fill in the gaps with the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- a) The teacher _____ (not talk) when Mary arrived.
- b) The pupils _____ (play) when the bell rang.
- c) Lucy _____ (do) her homework when someone knocked the door.
- d) Mark's parents _____ (write) him a letter when they heard a crash.
- e) Ann _____ (not sleep) when the alarm clock rang.
- f) They _____ (not watch) TV when their parents arrived.

3. Put the following sentences into the correct tense, Simple Past or Past Continuous:

- a) We _____ (go) down the road at 100 Km/h when the wheel _____ (fall) off.
- b) My mother _____ (get) dressed when she _____ (feel) a pain in her chest.
- c) She _____ (fill) in a questionnaire when the pen _____ (run) out of ink.
- d) Mike _____ (fall) off the ladder while he _____ (paint) the ceiling.
- e) While Ann _____ (cook) dinner, the phone _____ (ring)
- f) Susan _____ (wait) for me at home when I _____ (arrive) yesterday.
- g) I _____ (see) Carol at the party. She _____ (wear) a beautiful dress.
- h) I _____ (break) a plate last night while I _____ (do) the washing up
- i) _____ (you/watch) TV when I _____ (arrive)?