

UNIT 2

THE PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST INDEFINITE

Ex.1. Read the story and put the verbs in brackets into the Past Indefinite or the Past Continuous Tense.

What a day!

The day (start) _____ very well for Ethel Stoketon of Highgate, London, yesterday, but it got worse. It (be) _____ a day many people could find difficult to believe. Sometimes strange things happen. Ethel Stoketon (get) _____ up early as usual. She (feel) _____ a bit ill and (have) _____ a slight temperature but she (have) _____ a lot of Christmas shopping to do, so she (go) _____ to the shopping center. At 9:30 am she (walk) _____ past Woolworth's, and (step) _____ on a banana peel. She (fall) _____ and (break) _____ her right arm and two fingers on her right hand. That's not all. John Severius and his daughter Carmen (walk) _____ next to her, and Ethel (fall) _____ into them and (knock) _____ them down, too. John Severius (smoke) _____ a cigarette when they (fall) _____ and (burn) _____ his daughter's nose. He also hurt his knee and couldn't stand up. His daughter, except for the nose, (be) _____ still all right, so she (call) _____ an ambulance. It got there in minutes. The driver of the ambulance (have) _____ a bad cold. As he (drive) _____ them to the hospital just at the corner of



Highgate Hill and Magdala Avenue, he (sneez) _____. He (crash) _____ into a bakery delivery van. The driver of the van (get) _____ a broken arm, a stiff neck and a lot of whipped cream on his back. The ambulance and the driver could still drive, so the bakery van driver (get) _____ in next to Carmen Severius who in the crash (lose) _____ a tooth and they (go) _____ on to the hospital. They (get) _____ to the hospital with no more accidents. But when they (make) _____ an X-ray of Ethel's arm, part of the X-ray machine (fall) _____ off and (hurt) _____ her shoulder. They (put) _____ her in the best room of the hospital. When we (talk) _____ to Ethel this morning, she said, "Funny thing is – I don't ever eat bananas!"

(from "Take off 2")

Ex. 2. Read the police statement from a driver who was in an accident. Complete it with the verbs from the box in either the Past Indefinite or the Past Continuous Tense.

signal	happen	pass	run	go
appear	rain	move	get out	drive
brake	be	hit	stop	see

The accident _____ at 6.35 pm on November, 15. I _____ home from work along Foster Road. It had already got dark and it _____. Suddenly I _____ car lights in front of me. The car _____ very fast on the wrong side of the road. Hardly had I turned right when the car _____ me. At that very moment I _____ the car which _____ on my right. The blow _____ not very strong as I _____ slowly at the moment. The car _____ and the driver _____ of it. He _____ not hurt. We saw a policeman who _____ to the place of the accident, he _____ to the other drivers to stop.

Ex. 3. A lot of things can happen when you are doing shopping. Use the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. We (think) _____ of getting a new table when we (see) _____ this wonderful one on display.
2. They (discuss) _____ whether to buy the lamp or not when the shopkeeper (sell) _____ it to someone else.
3. I (look) _____ in a shop window when my phone (ring) _____.
4. While my wife (look) _____ at the prices in the window, somebody (steal) _____ her purse.
5. I (walk) _____ into the shop when a thief (run) _____ out.
6. I (find) _____ a wallet at the baker's while I (wait) _____ for my wife.
7. A store detective (stop) _____ me when I (leave) _____ the supermarket.
8. Where you (go) _____ ?
I (window shop) _____ .

Ex. 4. Put the verbs in the correct form (the Past Indefinite or the Past Continuous).

1. She _____ TV when the telephone _____ (watch/ring).
2. They _____ in the park when it _____ to rain (walk/start).
3. He _____ to work when his car _____ (go/break down).
4. We _____ in England when I first _____ him (live/meet).
5. I _____ to John when Sandra _____ (talk/come over).
6. Pat _____ her supper when she suddenly _____ ill (eat/feel).
7. What _____ you _____ when Berlin wall _____ (do/come down)?
8. I _____ some flowers when I _____ Tim (buy/see).

Ex. 5. Translate the underlined words. Choose from the verbs given. Cross out the wrong verb.

- Я видел Сью вчера, но она не видела меня. Она смотрела в другую сторону.
- Несколько недель назад я встретил Тома и Анну в аэропорту. Они летели в Берлин, а я в Мадрид. Мы поговорили, пока ждали вылета.
- Я ехал на велосипеде, было темно. Вдруг человек вышел на дорогу перед велосипедом. Я ехал довольно быстро, но, к счастью, я успел остановиться.
- Вечером я приготовила обед и посмотрела телевизор.
- Я не видела Алана целую вечность. Когда я в последний раз видела его, он искол работу.
- Я шла по улице, вдруг я услышала шаги позади себя, кто-то шел за мной. Я испугалась и убежала.

- saw/was seeing;
wasn't seeing/didn't see;
looked/was looking
- was meeting/met;
flew/were flying;
were talking/talked;
were waiting/waited
- cycled/was cycling;
was stepping/stepped;
cycled/was cycling;
managed/was managing
- was cooking/cooked;
was watching/watched
- met/was meeting;
looked/was looking
- walked/was walking;
heard/was hearing;
follow/was following;
was getting frightened/
got frightened;
ran away/was running away

Ex. 6. An inattentive girl made 6 mistakes in the verb tenses while copying the story. Find them and correct.

One autumn evening Bill and Will collected a huge bag of apples. It was not far from an old graveyard. They decide to go and share them there. As they shared them a little girl was walking across the graveyard taking a short cut home, for it getting dark. To her horror she was hearing voices, "One for you, one for me, one for you..." She was flying to the gate and bumped straight into a policeman. "What's the matter, little girl?" he asked, for she shivered with fear. "Oh," she said "there are ghosts in the graveyard and they are sharing out the dead bodies."

Corrections