

PAST SIMPLE
PAST
CONTINUOUS



1. Select the correct words.

1. I played / was playing in the park when I saw / was seeing three kangaroos.
2. When I saw / was seeing them, they jumped / were jumping round the trees.
3. They jumped / were jumping away while I watched / was watching them.
4. I found / was finding out that they were from the zoo while I watched / was watching the news.
5. While the fox dug / was digging a hole, the kangaroos escaped / were escaping.
6. The police were looking / looked for them when someone called / was calling.
7. He reported / was reporting that the kangaroos ate / were eating grass in his garden while his dog barked / was barking at them.
8. The police called / was calling the zookeeper and the kangaroos went back / were going back to the zoo.

2. Fill in the gaps

1. My parents	(get) to know each other when they	(study) at university.
2. Doctor Fisher	(travel) widely as a young man and	(always keep) a diary.
3. I	(see) my brother and his friend when I	(wait) for the bus,
but they	(not see) me.	
4. Lily	(fill) in the application form and	(give) it to the receptionist.
5. While I	(work) in Rome, I	(meet) a girl who (look) just like your sister.
6. Simon	(buy) a new laptop because his old one	(always crash).
7. I	(miss) your text because my phone	(charge) in another room.
8. David	(meet) his neighbors while he	(move) into his new apartment.
9. The baby	(sleep) when we	(get) home from the party.
10. She	(break) a plate while she	(do) the dishes.
11. I	(take) a shower when you	(call).
12. We	(have) dinner at a new restaurant last night.	
While we	(eat), one of the waiters	(drop)
a tray on the floor.		
13. I	(see) Andrea at the party last night. She	(wear)
a beautiful dress.		
14. She	(stay) home yesterday because it	(snow).
15. When Sue	(arrive) at the theater, her friends	(wait) for her.
16. He	(get) home last night while his wife	(cook) dinner
and the children	(watch) TV.	



A NEW WORLD RECORD

On 14th October 2012, Felix Baumgartner (jump) from space using only a parachute.

He (travel) faster than the speed of sound. He (fly) 39 km into the sky in a special capsule and then he prepared to jump. He (check) his spacesuit when he discovered a problem with his helmet. However, he (decide) to continue.

While he (stand) on the edge of the capsule he said, 'I'm coming home now.' And then he jumped. But there was another problem. He (pass) through the sound barrier when he started to spin. Luckily, he was able to stop spinning and (land) safely.

When he jumped from the capsule, eight million people were watching on YouTube. One person said, 'I closed my eyes while he (step) off the capsule.'

It was terrifying. 'Another said, 'I (watch) music videos when I saw Felix jump, Incredible!'

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past continuous.

1. When he (fly) into space, Felix (wear) a special suit.
2. He (prepare) to jump when he (discover) a problem.
3. He (make) a speech while he (stand) on the edge of the capsule.
4. He (break) the sound barrier while he (fall) through the sky.
5. Many people (watch) him on the internet when he (jump).
6. When his family (arrive), he (celebrate) on the ground.

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