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Past Simple – Past Continuous

Exercise 1 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

1. The telephone (ring) when I (have) a bath.
2. I (work) for BBC from 1978 to 1989.
3. At 6 o'clock last evening he (stand) at the bus stop.
4. While I (work), you (sleep).
5. When I (go) into the kitchen, I found the water (boil).
6. You couldn't see us at the cinema at four yesterday. At that time we (shop) in Oxford Street.
7. She (play) that beautiful melody when we (come) in.
8. I (fall) down when I (cross) the street.
9. He (watch) TV at 5p.m. yesterday.
10. My mum (cook) dinner while my dad (work) in the garage.

Exercise 2 Tick the correct form of the verb.

1. He **slept** /**was sleeping** at 10 o'clock this morning.
2. We all **went** /**were going** out last night.
3. I **ate** /**was eating** breakfast when the phone **rang** /**was ringing** .
4. I **took** /**was taking** some really good photos when I **was** /**was being** in California.
5. She **had** /**was having** lunch with her parents when they **gave** /**were giving** her a very expensive birthday present.
6. He **met** /**was meeting** Mary yesterday.

Ex.3 Write the past form of the verbs.

go-	take-	be-
have-	eat-	win-
bring-	see-	meet-
sing-	drink-	do-
give-	swim-	hit-
write -	leave-	fly-