

The Past Simple and the Past Continuous

1. Here is a list of some things that Lesley was doing yesterday at a certain time:

a. 8.45 – 9.15	had breakfast	d. 12.45 – 1.30	had lunch
b. 9.15 – 10.00	read the newspaper	e. 2.30 – 3.30	washed some clothes
c. 10.00 – 12.00	cleaned her flat	f. 4.00 – 6.00	watched television

Now complete the sentences saying what she **was doing** at these times. Use the **Past Continuous**.

- At 9 O'clock she **was having** breakfast.
- At 9.30 she _____ the newspaper.
- At 11 o'clock she _____ her flat.
- At 1 O'clock she _____ lunch.
- At 3 O'clock she _____ some clothes.
- At 5 O'clock she _____ television.

2. Remember the **past simple and past participle** form of the following **irregular verbs**:

Infinitive	Past Simple	Past Participle	Infinitive	Past Simple	Past Participle
Be			Do		
Become			Dream		
Begin			Drive		
Blow			Eat		
Break			Fall		
Bring			Fight		
Catch			Find		
Choose			Forgive		
Cost			Give		
Cut			Go		
Dig			Hide		
dive			Leave		

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3. Choose the correct answer

1. Mary..... TV, when the phone.....	9. WeTV, when my mother.....
2. I.....a bath, when I.....noise.	10. I.....for my sister, when it....to rain
3. Yesterday my friends and I.....to the beach.	11. While I.....at the bus stop, I.....Johnny Depp.
4. I.....a book when suddenly I..... a noise.	12. I.....my hair when I.....that I hadn't phoned Katie.
5. Pamela.....at the party last night.	13. We.....out, when the postman.....our letters.
6. What.....at this time yesterday?	14.The children.....in the garden, when it... to snow.
7. He.....all they yesterday. but heanything.	15. While the teacher.....instructions, the students.....
8. While Tom.....the dinner, Kate...the dishes.	16. Susan.....the house when sheoff the ladder.

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4. Put the words in order to build meaningful sentences:

1. I / watching / TV / fell / was / I / while / asleep / .

2. The phone / having / I / was / rang / a shower / when / .

3. It / to rain / while / walking / was / began / home / I / .

4. You / see / the accident / did / you / while / for / waiting / were /
for / the bus / ?

5. Use the past simple or the past continuous to complete the sentences.

- a. Tim _____ (fall) off the ladder while he _____ (paint) the ceiling.
- b. Last night I _____ (read) in bed when suddenly I _____ (hear) a scream.
- c. _____ (you/ watch) TV when I phoned you?
- d. Peter _____ (not/ drive) very fast when the accident _____ (happen).
- e. Jane _____ (break) a plate last night. She _____ (do) the washing-up when it
_____ (slip) out of her hand.
- f. We _____ (not/ go) out because it _____ (rain).
- h. What _____ (you/ do) at this time yesterday?
- i. I _____ (see) Nancy at the party. She _____ (wear) a really nice dress.

6. Complete the following text with the past simple or the past continuous.

Last week I..... (decide) to invite some friends to dinner. I.....(buy) lots of delicious food, including some Parma ham and at about 6.00.....I (cook) in the kitchen. The sun.....(shine) and it was a beautiful evening, so, I(open) the back door. Then the telephone.....(ring). I..... (go) to answer it and when I..... (come)back the ham wasn't on the table. I..... (look) out of the window. A cat.....(sit) on my garden wall and it..... (eat) my ham. What.....(can) I do? I..... (fill) a pan with water and I went quietly outside. The cat.....(not look) in my direction and it..... (enjoy) the ham so much that it..... (not hear) me. I..... (walk) slowly up to it, I(want) to empty the water over its head . a bit cruel. I know but the ham..... (be) very expensive but at the last moment the cat heard me and(escape)in the neighborhood.