

SIMPLE PAST VS. PAST CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Choose past simple or past continuous to complete the sentences below.

It was Sunday afternoon. I **1** [watched / was watching] a cookery program



on TV when I **2** [realized / was realising] how hungry I was. But of course I was hungry; I hadn't eaten anything since lunch, and I had run a race in the morning. "Biscuits!"

I **3** [thought / was thinking]. My mother had given me a jar of delicious home-made biscuits.

I **4** [went / was going] into the kitchen, **5** [opened / was opening] the fridge and **6** [poured / was pouring] some milk in a big glass. Then I **7** [looked / was looking] for the kitchen chair but it **8** [wasn't / wasn't being] there: somebody had taken it away. And there were no biscuits in the biscuit jar: somebody had eaten them all! I was sure I had put the jar there the previous day, and I had eaten only one cookie. It was very strange.



A few minutes later, I **9** [drank / was drinking] my glass of milk when



I **10** [heard / was hearing] a loud noise coming from the dining room. I **11** [went / was going] there quickly and I **12** [opened / was opening] the door. I couldn't believe my eyes. An enormous monkey **13** [ate / was eating] the biscuits excitedly on the kitchen chair.