

PAST SIMPLE EXERCISES

I. GRAMMAR past continuous: Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past continuous.

1. You were laughing (laugh) when I took the photo.
2. It _____ (snow) when our plane landed.
3. We _____ (not drive) fast when the accident happened.
4. What _____ (he / do) when his boss arrived?
5. Why _____ (you / cry) at the party?
6. I _____ (sit) on the bus when I saw my boyfriend with another girl.
7. They _____ (live) in Malaysia when their first child was born.
8. He didn't call you because his mobile phone _____ (not work).
9. We _____ (play) basketball when Irpin hurt his ankle.

II. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. I broke (break) my arm while I was climbing (climb) a tree.
2. My friends _____ (swim) in the sea when it _____ (start) to rain.
3. While I _____ (take) photos in the town centre, _____ (see) my best friend.
4. The police _____ (catch) the thief while he _____ (jump) over the wall.
5. When my dad _____ (get) home, we _____ (not do) our homework.
6. I _____ (sit) in a café when you _____ (call).
7. Delfina _____ (do) an English test, when her phone _____ (ring).