

PAST SIMPLE vs PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Complete the text A VISIT TO POMPEI. Past Continuous.

It was 2nd August 2009 and my family and I were on our summer holiday. We (visit) Pompeii, in Italy. We (tour) the city and we (listen) to explanations about Pompeii on our headsets. A boy (tell) us the story of the eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii in AD 79. I (not do) very much that day. I (sit) in the garden behind my father's villa. Some men (work) in the garden and I (watch) them. My parents weren't at home. They (shop) at the market. Suddenly, there was a loud noise. People (shout) and they (run) down the street because the volcano (erupt).



2. Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. We (browse) the web at 10 last night.
2. I (see) my friend on the plane last week.
3. You (not like) your holiday last year
4. Ben (walk) around the museum at 2 pm?
5. They (not believe) his story.
6. We (sail) on a ferry when we (see) a shark.
7. (you / have) dinner when I (phone) you?
8. My aunt (wait) for a taxi at 8 o'clock this morning.
9. I (travel) on the underground when a man (take) my wallet.
10. Becky (not buy) any souvenirs last year.
11. Where (you / go) when I (phone) you?
12. Jim (not watch) the road while he (drive).
13. Bella (leave) the museum when she (hear) an explosion.
14. We (look) at the map when Tom (arrive).
15. What (you / do) while we (be) at school?
16. When they (call), John (have) a shower.
17. We (leave) the house while you (listen) to music.
18. While Peter (sleep), a bear (take) his food.
19. Who (you / meet) while you (travel) in Thailand?
20. The boys (not see) the gorilla while they (walk) in the jungle.
21. When I (see) Hannah she (not play) volleyball. She was in the gym.
22. When you (leave) school, (it / rain)?

6. Find the mistakes and correct them (write the correction in the space provided).

1. I played computer games when the electricity went off
2. She wasn't passed the last exam
3. The dog were barking all night
4. The children in the class shouted while the teacher explained the lesson
5. As I was driving, I listened to music
6. I saw him while I was runing
7. Did you wearing a new dress when I met you?
8. She was carring a tray when she dropped it

7. Cumulative Review. Complete the text

One day last summer, while I (walk) in. (work) as a waiter, a famous actress (take) (call) to me while I (walk) in.
I (take) her to her table. A bit later, she (call) to me while I (take) (give)
plates of food to another table. I couldn't stop so I carried on working. While I (give)
the customers their food, I suddenly (realise) that the actress (stand) (stand)
right behind me. 'I'm waiting,' she said, angrily. I told her that I was busy and turned away. When I (see)
(finish) serving the other customers, I (turn) around and (see)
that the actress (walk) out of the restaurant. My boss was very angry at first but, while (see)
he (stand) there, looking at me, all the other customers (start) clapping and (see)
cheering. My boss realised that I was right and she was wrong. I (not / like) her films anyway!

