

Present simple, present continuous, past simple and past continuous

Complete the sentences with the present simple, the present continuous, the past simple and the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. _____ (you/like) learning English?
2. _____ (I/not understand) this programme.
3. My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
4. Jim and his father _____ (not watch) TV. They're asleep.
5. Tony is upstairs in the bathroom. He _____ (wash) his hair.
6. My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
7. Why _____ (run)? Are we late?
8. There are some strange noises in the sitting room. What _____ (Tom/do)?
9. What time _____ (John/get up) every day?
10. When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
11. I _____ (always/stay) in the same hotel in New York.
12. Fred and I are good dancers but we _____ (not/go) to discos very often.
13. When _____ the lesson _____ (start)? It _____ (begin) five minutes ago.
14. What _____ Pam _____ (do)? She's a doctor.
15. I _____ (leave) home at 7:00 o'clock every morning.
16. Tony _____ (not working) at the moment, he's on holiday.
17. _____ the dogs _____ (bark) at midnight last night?
18. When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?

Choose the correct option.

1. I listened / was listening to the radio when I heard / was hearing this fantastic song.
2. Helen is wearing / wears blue jeans and a T-shirt today.
3. When the teacher said / was saying 'Stop!', I still tried / was still trying to finish the last question.
4. I feel really silly! While I danced / was dancing, I fell / was falling and broke / was breaking my elbow.
5. In summer we are going / go to the beach.
6. Tom and I watch / are watching a good film at the moment.
7. Tim played / was playing a computer game when his mum called / was calling him for lunch.
8. I looked / was looking for a file on my memory stick when I noticed / was noticing there was a virus.
9. It starts / is starting to rain, and we are waiting / wait for the bus in the open air.
10. Ron found / was finding a really interesting website about dance music while he surfed / was surfing the internet.
11. My mum had / was having breakfast near the computer when she spilled / was spilling her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
12. The football match finished / is finishing and the players are celebrating / celebrate their victory.
13. How many pictures did you take / were you taking while you travelled / were travelling around Ireland?
14. Why did you chat / were you chatting to Philip while I tried / was trying to tell you something really important?