

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

5.1 past simple and past continuous

1 Underline the correct alternative.

Last year, we ¹went/were going on holiday to America. We ²flew/were flying to Florida and ³visited/were visiting Disneyworld before going to Miami. While we ⁴stayed/were staying in Miami, we ⁵met/were meeting a great couple. They ⁶spent/were spending a year travelling around the USA. We ⁷talked/were talking all night and they ⁸told/were telling us about their favourite American cities. We ⁹decided/were deciding to go to New Orleans with them.

So, we ¹⁰hired/were hiring a car and ¹¹drove/were driving along the coast and through the national forests. It ¹²was/was being a long journey, so we ¹³stopped/were stopping at different places on the way. When we ¹⁴were having/had a break in Tallahassee, we ¹⁵saw/were seeing someone we knew. It ¹⁶was/was being our neighbour from our village in England! What a coincidence!



2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- The match _____ (start) at 7.30 in the evening. It _____ (rain) as the players _____ (come) into the stadium but it _____ (be) a great game.
- My father _____ (drive) home late one night when he _____ (hit) a tree.
- I _____ (like) the film a lot and I _____ (see) it three times.
- I _____ (talk) to my friends online when I _____ (get) the message.
- When the postman _____ (arrive), I _____ (look) at all the envelopes.
- When the postman _____ (arrive), I _____ (have) a shower.
- They _____ (knock down) that building when they _____ (find) the old coins.
- He _____ (break) his leg while he _____ (climb) in the mountains.

3 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- I ~~wasn't going~~ ^{didn't go} to work yesterday.
- She talked on her phone when she fell.
- What you were doing when you met your husband?
- He was giving a presentation when I was first seeing him.
- They didn't do their work when the teacher walked in.
- Gosh, you're wet! You didn't have a shower, were you?
- I fell asleep when the phone rang.
- She was paying the taxi driver.

5.2 verb patterns

1 Are the verbs followed by -ing or infinitive with to? Tick the correct box. Two verbs can be followed by either pattern.

Verb	-ing	infinitive with to
avoid	☒	☐
choose	☐	☐
decide	☐	☐
expect	☐	☐
finish	☐	☐
hope	☐	☐
like	☐	☐
love	☐	☐
need	☐	☐
promise	☐	☐
want	☐	☐

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ (expect/travel) to India next month.
- I _____ (love/spend) time in exotic places.
- I'll try to _____ (avoid/eat) very spicy food.
- Amy _____ (want/come) with me.
- We _____ (like/travel) together.
- She has _____ (decide/leave) her job.
- And I _____ (finish/work) last month.
- She _____ (hope/get) another job when we get back.
- We _____ (need/get) visas first.

5.3 asking for/giving directions

1 Put the words in the correct order to make phrases for giving directions.

1 along / go / road / main / the

2 second / left / the / take

3 turning / the / past / go

4 you / front / of / in

5 reach / going / you / until / keep

2 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.

can you show me on the map
can you tell me the way to
excuse me
go along the High Street
go straight along
is it far
keep going until you reach
turn right at the corner
you can't miss it

A: 1 _____.

B: Yes?

A: 2 _____ the City Museum?

B: Um ... the City Museum ... oh yes!

A: 3 _____?

B: No, it's only about ten minutes from here.

A: Great! 4 _____?

B: Yes, of course. Let me see. 5 _____ the High Street.

A: Is this the High Street?

B: Yes, it is.

A: So, I 6 _____?

B: That's right. 7 _____.

A: So, I need to go right?

A: Yes, right. 8 _____ the traffic lights. The City Museum is on the left.

9 _____.

B: Thank you, very much.



Consolidation

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Tony 1 _____ to work one day when it happened. He 2 _____ in an office downtown. He liked 3 _____ to work by bike because it kept him fit. He decided 4 _____ the new bike path. He went 5 _____ the High Street.

Then he 6 _____ to turn left onto the bike path.

He 7 _____ left when a lorry crossed in front of him. Tony 8 _____ time to think. He 9 _____ himself onto the road. The lorry 10 _____ right over him!

'Are you OK?' 11 _____ a passer-by.

'Yeah, I'm fine,' Tony 12 _____.

'I think you should go to hospital – it 13 _____.'

'Yes, maybe. Can you 14 _____?'

'Sure. It's past the station, 15 _____. I'll take you there.'

1 a) cycled b) was cycling c) cycles

2 a) was working b) works c) worked

3 a) to going b) going c) goes

4 a) using b) to use c) used

5 a) straightly b) straight c) along

6 a) signals b) was signalling c) signalled

7 a) turned b) was turning c) turns

8 a) didn't have b) wasn't c) hasn't

9 a) was throwing b) threw c) throws

10 a) was passing b) passes c) passed

11 a) asking b) asks c) asked

12 a) answered b) answers c) was answering

13 a) is far b) isn't close c) isn't far

14 a) show the way b) show me the way c) show the way me

15 a) on the left b) in the left c) on left