Past continuous: affirmative and negative

1. Complete the sentences using the past continuous.
   a. play tennis (✗), swim (✓)

Jane _____.

She _____.

   b. watch TV (✗), do their homework (✓)

The children _____.

They _____.

   c. read (✗), sleep (✓)

I _____.

I _____.

   d. sing (✗), act (✓)

We _____.

We _____.

   e. rain (✗), snow (✓)

It _____.

It _____.

Past continuous: questions and answers

2. Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Then match them with answers a-f.
   a. _____ you _____ this morning? (swim).
   b. _____ Tom _____ yesterday morning? (ski).
   c. _____ they _____ the party? (enjoy).
   d. _____ you _____ your homework when I phoned? (do).
   e. _____ Jean _____ in the library? (work).
   f. _____ they _____ for a walk? (go).

1. Yes, I was. ——— ☐
2. Yes, they were. It was great fun! ——— ☐
3. Yes, she was. ——— ☐
4. No, they weren't. They were reading. ——— ☐
5. No, he wasn't. ——— ☐
6. No, I wasn't. I finished it yesterday. ——— ☐

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Adverbs

3. Complete the sentences with the adverb of the adjectives in brackets.
   a. Don't worry. The exam isn't difficult. You'll pass it _____ (easy).
   b. It's cold outside. Dress _____ (warm).
   c. The roads are very icy. Drive _____ (careful).
   d. The dogs are hungry. They're eating very _____ (noisy).
   e. He had an accident and hurt his leg _____ (bad).
   f. It's snowing _____. I think it's a blizzard (hard).

Past simple and continuous

4. Circle the correct words.
   a. We were eating in a restauran when the earthquake **happened / was happening.**
   b. I **heard / was hearing** Dad shout while I was watching the TV.
   c. They **were skiing / skied** down the mountain when the avalanche started.
   d. We **were having / had** a beach holiday in Cancún when the hurricane hit.
   e. The wildfire spread quickly while we **were getting / got** water.

Vocabulary: weather

5. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

blizzards	cloudy	foggy	heatwave	icy	stormy
		thunder	windy		

   a. The south was _____ and there was rain in the afternoon.
   b. It was very _____ in Scotland. Drivers couldn't see where they were going.
   c. There was a _____ in southern Europe. Temperatures rose to 35 degrees.
   d. It was _____ in the west of England, which was good for windsurfers and kite flyers.
   e. In Canada there were _____. The snow was falling very heavily.
   f. The roads across Russia were very _____ as temperatures fell to -20º.
   g. In South America, it was _____. There was a lot of _____ and lighning.

Natural disasters

6. Label the pictures.

		
_____	_____	_____

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_____	_____	_____

7. Circle the correct words.
   a. Oklahoma often has **earthquakes / tornadoes**. The strong winds destroy buildings there.
   b. There were several **wildfires / avalanches** in the French Alps last year.
   c. There was a **drought / flood** in Hungary in 2013. There was a lot of water in people's homes.
   d. The Black Forest **wildfire / drought** destroyed a large area of land in Colorado.
   e. There are lot of **floods / droughts** in African countries because it doesn't rain very often.
   f. **Earthquakes / Hurricanes** often happen in southern USA in September. The storms are very bad, with strong winds.

Past continuous: -ing

8. Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.
   a. My father _____ (cook) lunch when I got home.
   b. The plane _____ (fly) to Paris when it crashed.
   c. The students _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain.
   d. We _____ (cross) the street when the traffic lights turned red.
   e. Sue _____ (wash) the dishes when the phone rang.
   f. Mary _____ (slice) the bread when she cut her hand.
9. Complete using WHEN – WHILE:
   a. I was talking to Max _____ she came to the room.
   b. _____ we were playing tennis, she called me.
   c. You were studying _____ I interrupted you.
   d. I was cooking lunch, _____ I saw the baby smile.
   e. I fixed my computer, _____ I was listening to music.
   f. I was watching TV, _____ my friend came to visit me.
   g. They were watching a dog _____ I stopped the car.

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