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## Past Continuous – Was going to – Used to – Be/Get used to

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Write what was going to happen but didn't.

catch / bus

have / picnic

buy / dress



1 *She was going to* ...  
*buy a dress* ... but a  
thief stole her bag.



2 .....  
.....  
but he was too late.



3 .....  
.....  
but it started to rain.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*. Then say which uses of these tenses are shown in each extract.

**A** Heath Ledger 1) *was* (be) a very talented Australian actor who 2) .....  
(try) different kinds of roles. One of the last films he 3) ..... (take) part in was  
*The Dark Knight*, where he 4) ..... (play) the evil Joker. Sadly, he  
5) ..... (die) on January 22nd, 2008 at the age of 28.

**B** It 1) ..... (happen) at 8 o'clock last night. John and his wife, Jane,  
2) ..... (sit) in their living room. They 3) ..... (watch) TV  
while their daughter 4) ..... (play) with her toys. Suddenly, the room  
5) ..... (start) to shake and two vases 6) ..... (fall)  
to the ground.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.

- 1 A: I *was walking* (walk) home yesterday when I *ran into* (run into) Jennifer.  
B: Is she OK? I haven't seen her for such a long time.
- 2 A: What ..... (happen) to your leg?  
B: I ..... (break) it while I ..... (ski).
- 3 A: I ..... (call) you yesterday morning but you .....  
(not/be) at home.  
B: Yes. I ..... (walk) my dog.



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### Used to – Be/Get Used to + noun / pronoun / -ing

**Used to** is used to talk about past habits. It has the same form in all persons, singular and plural. It forms its negative and interrogative form with **did**.

I **used to** cry when I was a baby.

I **didn't use to** sleep late.

Did you **use to** sleep late?

**Be/Get used to** is used to talk about habitual actions and means 'be/get accustomed to', 'be in the habit of'.

I'm not **used to** getting up early.

They **are used to** cold weather.

You'll **get used to** her when you get to know her better.

### 6 Rewrite Victoria's comments using *used to* or *didn't use to* as in the example:



1 I don't work long hours any more.

2 I don't have long hair any more.

3 I have many friends now.

4 I don't wear glasses any more.

5 I go jogging every morning now.

6 I live in the countryside now.

- 1 *Victoria used to work long hours.*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

### 7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to*, *be/get used to* and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Lisa is very tired this morning. She .... *isn't used to staying up* .... (not/stay up) late.
- 2 Don't worry. You ..... soon ..... (wear) contact lenses.
- 3 He ..... (eat) a lot of chocolate when he was a child.
- 4 They didn't like living near the airport but they ..... it.
- 5 I ..... (get up) at 6:30 am, so it doesn't bother me.
- 6 Sheila lives in the city but she still ..... (not) all the noise.



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Put the verbs in brackets into the *past continuous* or the *past simple*.



Last night I 1) ... had ... (have) a wonderful dream.  
 This is what I 2) ..... (dream). We  
 3) ..... (take) a trip to Hawaii.  
 I 4) ..... (be) with my family and two  
 of my friends. We 5) ..... (be) on a ship  
 and we 6) ..... (travel) to Honolulu.  
 On the ship there 7) ..... (be) a party.  
 We 8) ..... (sit) on nice comfortable  
 seats and we 9) ..... (drink) exotic  
 juices. Lots of people 10) .....  
 (dance) and the music 11) .....

(play) loudly. We 12) ..... (have) a lot of fun! When the ship  
 13) ..... (arrive) in Honolulu, a man 14) ..... (wait)  
 to take us to our hotel. The hotel where we 15) ..... (stay) was by a beach  
 lined with palm trees. Drums 16) ..... (beat) and people on the beach  
 17) ..... (sing) and 18) ..... (dance) to the  
 music. The music 19) ..... (get) louder and louder until I  
 20) ..... (hear) a ringing sound. It 21) ..... (be)  
 my alarm clock! It 22) ..... (be) 7 o'clock and time to get  
 up for school.

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Circle the mistake (A or B), then correct it.

- While we were having a picnic, it was starting to rain. ... started ...  
 A B
- Alicia was painting a picture when her mum was cooking. .....  
 A B
- Laura was taking off her coat and sat down. .....  
 A B
- While we were on holiday, we were spending most of our time sightseeing. .....  
 A B
- Costas listened to his iPod, so he didn't hear the doorbell ring. .....  
 A B



### Speaking Activity

(Talking about a bad experience)

Chain story: Look at the pictures. Use the phrases to say what happened to John and his friends.

- John and friends / decide to take walk in the forest
- sun / shine, birds / sing
- they / enjoy walk / when / hear roar
- as they / look around / see big bear / come towards them
- they / try not to panic
- they / quickly / fall to ground / not move at all
- bear / smell / them
- luckily / after few minutes / bear / leave
- they / feel / relieved / be / safe



S1: Last weekend John and his friends decided to take a walk in the forest, etc.

### Writing Activity

Now imagine you are John. Write in your diary about the terrifying experience you had.

Dear Diary,

While on holiday, I had the worst experience of my life!

Last Saturday, my friends and I .....

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