Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

We use the **simple past** to talk about:

Completed actions, **habits** and **facts** in the past.

- I **went** to the cinema **yesterday.**
- I **always visited** my grandparents in my summer holidays **when I was little.**
- I **lived** near Liverpool for a couple of years.

The **past continuous** is used to express:

Interrupted actions, **specific time** as an **interruption** and **parallel** actions.

- I **was watching** TV **when** the phone rang.
- **Last night at 7pm,** I **was having** dinner.
  While she **was doing** her homework her brother **was playing** football.

Complete the sentences with the correct verb form; past Simple or Past Continuous

1. When Tim _____arrived_____ **(arrive)**, Karen _____was waiting_____ **(wait)** for him.
2. The students _____were chatting_____ **(chat)** when the teacher _____came_____ **(come)** in.
3. While Phil _____was driving_____ **(drive)** home, he _____saw_____ **(see)** an accident.
4. Liz _____was reading_____ **(read)** a magazine when her phone _____rang_____ **(ring)**
5. The lights _____went_____ **(go)** off while Sam _____was watching_____ **(watch)** a film.
6. It _____was raining_____ **(rain)** when John and Mary _____went_____ **(go)** out.
7. My little brother _____ate_____ **(eat)** two burgers while my father _____wasn't looking_____ **(not look).**
8. The sun _____was shining_____ **(shine)** in the morning, so they _____decided_____ **(decide)** to go to the park.

Think about your past weekend, and write about all the things you did.

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Watch Video #13 and complete the script.

On a cold dark night Alisa (1) _____ late at the office. It (2) _____ already midnight when she finally (3) _____ her work. As she (4) _____ her office, she (5) _____ that the streets (6) _____ now empty. She (7) _____ all alone. While she (8) _____ back home, she (9) _____ some footsteps behind her. She (10) _____ round to look but no one (11) _____ there. So she continued walking, but she (12) _____ still hear footsteps behind her. She started to run but the footsteps behind her (13) _____ louder and faster. Someone (14) _____ her. As she _____ her. As she (15) _____, she (16) _____ a cemetery. She quickly (17)_____ into the cemetery and (18) _____ there. When Alisa (19) _____, the footsteps (20) _____. Then she remembered that there was a 24-hour convenience store nearby, so she quickly (21)_____ to the store to ask for help. She (22)_____inside and (23) _____ the man for help. But the man said to her: 'Lady, the footsteps are yours. The soles of your shoes (24) _____off!'

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