

REVIEW TEST: PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS

A. Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. What _____ (you / do) when I _____ (call) you last night?
2. I _____ (sit) in a café when you _____ (call).
3. When you _____ (arrive) at the party, who _____ (be) there?
4. Susie _____ (watch) a film when she _____ (hear) the noise.
5. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____ (have) a swim, later I _____ (meet) Julie for a coffee.
6. We _____ (play) tennis when John _____ (hurt) his ankle.
7. What _____ (they / do) at 10pm last night? It _____ (be) really noisy and annoying.
8. He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
9. He _____ (read) when the telephone _____ (ring).
10. When I _____ (walk) into the room, everyone _____ (work).

B. Write questions with the Past Simple.

1. When / you / buy / that table / ?
2. How much / your new computer / cost / ?
3. What / you / do / after school / yesterday / ?
4. Why / you / not / call me / last night / ?
5. Helen / start / university / last year / ?

C. Choose the correct options.

1. I listened / was listening to the radio when I heard / was hearing this fantastic song.
2. When the teacher said / was saying 'Stop!', I still tried / was still trying to finish the last question in the exam.
3. I feel really silly! When I danced / was dancing, I fell / was falling and broke / was breaking my elbow.
4. Tim played / was playing a computer game when his mum called / was calling him for lunch.
5. I looked / was looking for a file on my memory stick when I noticed / was noticing there was a virus.
6. Ron found / was finding a really interesting website about dance music while he surfed / was surfing the Internet.
7. My mom had / was having breakfast near the computer when she spilled / was spilling her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
8. When you saw / were seeing me yester, I didn't go / wasn't going to school, I was going / went to the doctor's – I felt terrible.

9. How many pictures did you take / were you taking while you travelled / were travelling around Vietnam?

10. Why did you chat / were you chatting to Phillip while I tried / was trying to tell you something really important?

D. Complete the story with the correct Past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, when I _____ (try) to do my English project on my laptop, the battery _____ (run out). I _____ (lie) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I also _____ (chat) to my friend Daniel on Facebook. Okay, so I _____ (not concentrated) very hard on my project and I _____ (forget) to plug in my laptop! I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen _____ (go) completely black. I _____ (lose) almost everything. I _____ (scream) in frustration. My dad _____ (come) running into my bedroom. I _____ (cry) so much so he _____ (give) me his laptop. I _____ (try) to remember every single thing in my project - it _____ (be) quite difficult especially because Daniel _____ (send) me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I _____ (watch) this one, the Wifi in my house _____ (stop) working. In the end it was probably better because I finally _____ (manage) to finish the project with my dad help.