

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

3 Complete the conversations with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Conversation 1

A: I came to see you yesterday, but you weren't at home. What ¹ were you doing (you/do)?

B: I was here, but I ² was playing (play) with my son in the garden, so I ³ didn't hear (not hear) the doorbell.

Conversation 2

A: I heard you broke your leg. How ⁴ did it happen (it/happen)?

B: It happened when I ⁵ was climbing (climb) a mountain two weeks ago. I fell and I ⁶ landed (land) badly.

Conversation 3

A: Wendy told me you ⁷ had seen (see) Jim last week.

B: Yes. I ⁸ was studying (study) in the library and he ⁹ said (say) 'hello'.

4 A Match the phrases in the box with the pictures.

drop his ticket try to sleep
decide to use his mobile phone go for a walk
go through security pay the taxi driver



Conversation 4

A: I hear you crashed the car again.

¹⁰ you were driving (you/drive) too fast?

B: No! It wasn't my fault! I

¹¹ was going (go) at thirty miles an hour when this other car suddenly

¹² came (come) out of a side street.

Conversation 5

A: I ¹³ was seeing (see) you on your bicycle yesterday. Where

¹⁴ you were going (you/go)?

B: I ¹⁵ was going (go) to the shops, but I ¹⁶ dropped (drop) my wallet on the way!

B Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the phrases in Exercise 4A.

This is the story of Tim Bobo's first trip in an aeroplane. He was very excited, but as he was going out of the house, he ¹ dropped his ticket on the floor. He took a taxi to the airport, but while he ² was paying the taxi driver, someone took his bag. Luckily, there was nothing important in the bag. He checked in, but while he ³ was going through security, he found some keys in his pocket. Soon he was on the aeroplane. When it was taking off, he ⁴ was trying to sleep around the plane! The flight attendant told him to sit down immediately. Then soon after this he noticed that everyone seemed unhappy, so he started singing. Unfortunately, the other passengers ⁵ were singing and they told him to be quiet. A few hours later, he made one more mistake: while the plane was landing, he ⁶ was using his mobile phone!

5 A **5.1** Listen to the pronunciation of was and were in the sentences. Then listen again and repeat.

B Read audio script 5.1 on page 79. Listen again, read and repeat.