

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. What¹ _____ (you/do)?

B: I was here, but I² _____ (play) with my son in the garden, so I³ _____ (not hear) the doorbell.

Conversation 2

A: I heard you broke your leg. How⁴ _____ (it/happen)?

B: It happened when I⁵ _____ (climb) a mountain two weeks ago. I fell and I⁶ _____ (land) badly.

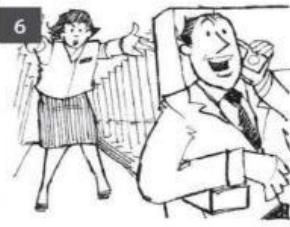
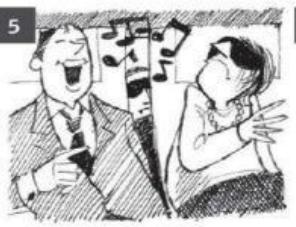
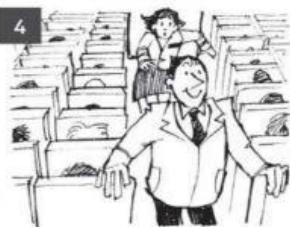
Conversation 3

A: Wendy told me you⁷ _____ (see) Jim last week.

B: Yes. I⁸ _____ (study) in the library and he⁹ _____ (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/drive) too fast?

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

11 _____ (go) at thirty

miles an hour when this other car suddenly

12 _____ (come) out of a side street.

Conversation 5

A: I¹³ _____ (see) you on your bicycle yesterday. Where

14 _____ (you/go)?

B: I¹⁵ _____ (go) to the shops, but I¹⁶ _____ (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, he¹ _____ drop his ticket on the floor. He took a taxi to the airport, but while he² _____, someone took his bag. Luckily, there was nothing important in the bag. He checked in, but while he³ _____, he found some keys in his pocket. Soon he was on the aeroplane. When it was taking off, he⁴ _____ 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 passengers⁵ _____ and they told him to be quiet. A few hours later, he made one more mistake: while the plane was landing, he⁶ _____ 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.