

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with past simple or past continuous.

1. The student (talk) _____ when the teacher (arrive) _____.
2. He (cross) _____ the street when he (see) _____ an accident.
3. The baby (sleep) _____ when I (knock) _____ the door.
4. We (watch) _____ the film when the electricity (go out) _____.
5. At 9 o'clock last night, I _____ (do) my homework while my sister (listen) _____ to music.
6. Peter (walk) _____ the dog at 5 p.m yesterday afternoon.
7. I (go) _____ home when I (meet) _____ my old friends.
8. What _____ (you /do) _____ when I _____ (come)?
9. _____ (he / study) when you (arrive) _____?
10. While we (have) _____ a picnic , it (start) _____ to rain.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with past simple or past continuous.

1. I (walk) _____ down the street when it began to rain.
2. At this time last year, I (attend) _____ an English course.
3. Jim (stand) _____ under the tree when he heard an explosion.
4. The boy fell and hurt himself while he (ride) _____ a bicycle.
5. When we met them last year, they (live) _____ in Santiago.
6. The tourist lost his camera while he (walk) _____ around the city.
7. The lorry (go) _____ very fast when it hit our car.
8. While I (study) _____ in my room, my roommates (have) _____ a party in the other room.
9. Mary and I (dance) _____ the house when the telephone rang.
10. We (sit) _____ in the café when they saw us.

Exercise 3: Each sentence has a mistake , find and correct it.

1. was play football when she called me. _____
2. Was you study Math at 5 p.m. yesterday? _____
3. What was she do while her mother was making lunch? _____
4. Where did you went last Sunday? _____
5. They weren't sleep during the meeting last Monday. _____
6. He got up early and have breakfast with his family yesterday morning. _____
7. She didn't broke the flower vase. Tom did. _____
8. Last week my friend and I go to the beach on the bus. _____
9. While I am listening to music, I heard the doorbell. _____
10. Peter turn on the TV, but nothing happened. _____

Exercise 4: Complete the passage with the verbs in past simple or past continuous.

In my last holiday, I went to Hawaii. When I (go) **1**..... to the beach for the first time, something wonderful happened. I (swim) **2**..... in the sea while my mother was sleeping in the sun. My brother was building a castle and my father (drink) **3**..... some water. Suddenly I (see) **4**..... a boy on the beach. His eyes were blue like the water in the sea and his hair (be) **5**..... beautiful black. He was very tall and thin and his face was brown. My heart (beat) **6**..... fast. I (ask) **7**..... him for his name with a shy voice. He (tell) **8**..... me that his name was John. He (stay) **9**..... with me the whole afternoon. In the evening, we met again. We ate pizza in a restaurant. The following days we (have) **10**..... a lot of fun together. At the end of my holidays when I left Hawaii I said good-bye to John. We had tears in our eyes. He wrote to me a letter very soon and I answered him.