Past continuous and past simple

Exercise 1

Choose the correct past continuous and past simple forms to complete the sentences below.

1. I _____ while I _____ down the stairs.
2. He _____ very fast when he _____ the accident.
3. It _____ when we _____ home.
4. I _____ your call because I _____.
5. This morning I _____ and I _____ breakfast for everybody.
6. When I _____ her, she _____ a really nice purple dress.
7. Last Saturday we _____ late and we _____ the train.
8. I _____ hello because you _____ very fast.
9. I _____ happily when a loud noise _____.
10. _____ attention when you _____ your car?

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Exercise 2

Choose the correct past continuous and past simple forms for the gaps below.

1. After the conference, I ____ that a man ____ the walls of the building.

A.	was seeing / was painting
B.	saw / was painting
C.	was seeing / painted

2. He was so angry that he ____ and ____.

A.	was getting up / left
B.	got up / was leaving
C.	got up / left

3. I ____ the vase while I ____ the bookshelf.

A.	broke / was cleaning
B.	broke / cleaned
C.	was breaking / was cleaning

4. As soon as we walked into the room, we ____ a noise. Someone ____ my computer.

A.	heard / used
B.	were hearing / used
C.	heard / was using

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5 The bus in which the football team _____ had an accident, but nobody _____.

A. were travelling / died

B. travelled / died

C. were travelling / were dying

6 I ____ the party, but Sonia ____ to leave.

A. was enjoying / was wanting

B. enjoyed / was wanting

C. was enjoying / wanted

7 The police ____ him while he _____ to escape.

A. caught / tried

B. caught / was trying

C. were catching / was trying

8 We ____ what to do, so we just called the police and _____.

A. didn't know / waited

B. weren't knowing / waited

C. didn't know / were waiting

9 When I last ____ her she _____ high-heeled shoes.

A. saw / wore

B. was seeing / was wearing

C. saw / was wearing

10 The sun _____, so we ____ our clothes and got into the water.

A. was shining / took off

B. shone / took off

C. shone / were taking off

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Exercise 3

Fill in the gaps with the correct past continuous and past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

When I 1 _____ (arrive) at the station, Raimond 2 _____ (wait) for me. He 3 _____ (wear) a nice black suit and he 4 _____ (hold) a red rose in his right hand. When I 5 _____ (get off) the train, he 6 _____ (run) up to me and 7 _____ (kiss) me passionately.

It 8 _____ (rain) heavily so he 9 _____ (take off) his jacket and 10 _____ (put) it over my head. I 11 _____ (tell) Raimond to go to a café so that we could talk, but he 12 _____ (insist) on going to another place.

While he 13 _____ (drive), I 14 _____ (throw) a look at him. He 15 _____ (smile) all the time, but he also 16 _____ (look) nervous.

He finally 17 _____ (stop) his car on the top of a hill with fantastic views. It was so wonderful. We 18 _____ (get out) of the car, and he 19 _____ (kneel) in front of me and 20 _____ (take) a ring out of his pocket. "Kathy, will you..." he said. "Listen, Raimond, I want to break up with you," I interrupted.

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