

## PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS (WHAT 'S THE DIFFERENCE?)



### I. Complete the sentences using the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs.

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) across the river when the boat arrived.
2. Ian \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) him a question.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ (not look) at the road when you \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off your bike.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) when the storm \_\_\_\_\_ (start).
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a famous actor near the theatre. He \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) sunglasses.

### II. Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. While I washed/ was washing my hair, the phone ringed/rang.
2. How did you felt/ did you feel yesterday?
3. When I reached/ was reaching home I received/was receiving David's phone call.
4. Last summer I was going swimming/ went swimming every weekend.
5. When the dog bit/was biting Laura's leg, she screamed/ was screaming.
6. We sang/sung some songs and then ate/ eat some sandwiches.
7. When you fell/ felt over the cliff, what happened/ was happening next?
8. While Mary washed-up/ was washing-up she broke/ was breaking a cup.
9. I didn't see/didn't saw where the bus-stop was, so I was missing/ missed the bus.
10. What did you do/ were you doing when I phoned/ was phoning you last night. There was no reply.

### III. Put the verbs in the brackets either into past simple or past continuous.

1. When Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up), we \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him good news.
2. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you leave) your wallet when you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming?
3. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the concert to start when a message \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
4. When Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his letter, he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it to the post office.
5. Pam \_\_\_\_\_ (want) a relaxing holiday, so she \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) to stay on a small island.
6. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) abroad, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) me every day.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) my lost pen while I \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) my pencil sharpener.
8. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television when Julie \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
9. When the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go out), I \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in the bed reading.
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door?