

EXERCISES ON THE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

I. Give the correct form of verbs in brackets by using past continuous tense

1. I _____ down the street when it begins to rain. (go)
2. At this time last year, I _____ an English course. (attend)
3. Jim _____ under the tree when he heard an explosion. (stand)
4. The boy fell and hurt himself while he _____ a bicycle. (ride)
5. When we met them last year, they _____ in Santiago. (live)
6. The tourist lost his camera while he _____ around the city. (walk)
7. The lorry _____ very fast when it hit our car. (go)
8. While I _____ in my room, my roommate _____ a party in the other room. (study/ have)
9. Mary and I _____ the house when the telephone rang. (just leave)
10. We _____ in the café when they saw us. (sit)
11. At this time last year, they _____ this house. (build)
12. I _____ my car very fast when you called me. (drive)
13. I (chat) _____ with my friends while my teacher (teach) _____ the lesson yesterday.
14. My father _____ TV when I got home. (watch)
15. At this time yesterday, I _____ for my son's birthday party. (prepare)
16. What you _____ at 8 pm yesterday? (do)
17. Where you _____ when I saw you last weekend? (go)
18. They _____ to school when I met them yesterday. (not go)
19. My mother _____ the housework when my father came home. (not do)
20. My sister (read) _____ books while my brother (play) _____ football yesterday afternoon.

II. Choose the correct tense for these following sentences below (either simple past tense or past continuous tense)

1. Alice **saw/ was seeing** the accident when she was catching the bus.
2. What **were you doing/ did you do** when I called?
3. I **didn't visit/ weren't visiting** my friends last summer holiday.
4. It **rained/ was raining** heavily last July.
5. While people were talking to each other, he **read/ was reading** his book.

[GRAMMAR] [PROCESS 2 – TENSES] [THE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE]

6. My sister **was eating/ ate** hamburgers every weekend last month.
7. While we **were running/ ran** in the park, Mary fell over.
8. **Did you find/ Were you finding** your keys yesterday?
9. Who **was she dancing/ did she dance** with at the party last night?
10. They **were watching/ watched** football on TV at 7 p.m. yesterday.

III. Error recognition (Underline the the mistakes and correct it)

1. I 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 there was nothing interesting.