

UNIT 6. EXERCISE 3

Ex1: Past simple or past continuous?

1. While Tom **read** / **was reading** , Mai Ly **was watching** / **watched** a documentary on TV.
2. My father **came** / **was coming** in, **looking** / **looked** around and **telling** / **told** me to tidy up my room.
3. The thief **was sneaking** / **sneaked** into the house, **stealing** / **stole** the jewels and **left** / **was leaving** without a trace (dấu vết, vết tích).
4. Nobody **was listening** / **listened** while the teacher **explained** / **was listening** the tenses.
5. While we **were doing** / **did** a sight-seeing tour, our friends **lied** / **were lying** on the beach.
6. He **woke** / **waking** up and **looking** / **looked** at his watch.
7. The receptionist **welcomed** / **welcoming** the guests and **asking** / **asked** them to fill in the form.
8. The car **was breaking** / **broke** down and we **had** / **having** to walk home.
9. The boys **were swimming** / **swam** while the girls **were sunbathing** / **sunbathed**.

Ex2: Put the verbs in brackets in past simple or past continuous.

1. When the prince saw Cinderella at the party, she (wear) a beautiful gown.
2. What (you/ do) this time yesterday?

3. When Jack (go)..... to the market, he met a magician.

4. While the hare was sleeping, the tortoise (run) to the finish as fast as he could.

5. When the princess **returned**, the prince (not wait) for her.

6. What (Joey and Lyly/ do) while their parents were working on the farm?

7. When the parents (have) breakfast, their children (run) away.

8. Martha (turn) off the lights and (go) to bed.

9. When I (do) the washing-up, I (break) a plate.

10. While Tom (play) the piano, his mother (do) the washing-up.