

2B Grammar PAST SIMPLE vs. PAST CONTINUOUS

A. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the **PAST SIMPLE** and **PAST CONTINUOUS** form of the verbs in brackets.



1. I _____ when you _____ me the message. (sleep, send)
2. Susan _____ around Italy when she _____ her boyfriend. (travel, meet)
3. We _____ some old photos when we _____ the house. (find, clean)
4. They _____ for the bus when they _____ the accident. (wait, see)
5. It _____ to rain when they _____ to school. (start, cycle)
6. A dog _____ into the road when I _____ home. (run, drive)

B. Complete the story with the **PAST SIMPLE** or **PAST CONTINUOUS** form of the verbs in brackets. Write **FULL FORMS** of the negative forms of verbs, e.g., **DID NOT**, etc.



Last summer, I _____ (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I _____ (wake up) early, and it _____ (be) a beautiful day. The sun _____ (shine), and I _____ (feel) really happy. I _____ (not need) to go to work that day, so I _____ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends _____ (work) and my girlfriend _____ (visit) her parents, so I _____ (go) to the beach alone. When I _____ (arrive), the beach _____ (be) already crowded. A lot of people _____ (sunbathe), children _____ (play) games and people _____ (swim) in the sea. Everyone _____ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I _____ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I _____ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man _____ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I _____ (not can) see anything, but then I _____ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it _____ (not attack) anyone and _____ (swim) away quickly. I _____ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I _____ (go) home without going surfing!