

Grammar revision:
Past simple and Past continuous

1. Choose the correct form to complete the sentences.

1. I *dropped/was dropping* my keys while I *ran/was running* for the bus.
2. The film was rubbish, so we *left/were leaving* the cinema and *went/were going* to the cybercafé.
3. Dave *rang/was ringing* me while I *did/was doing* my homework.
4. As I *fell/was falling* asleep, I *heard/was hearing* a strange noise.
5. I *didn't like/wasn't liking* the program we *watched/were watching*, so I *turned/was turning* off the TV.
6. My parents were still up when I *got/was getting* home. Dad *read/was reading* a book and mum *talked/was talking* to her sister on the phone.
7. The competition judges *didn't know/weren't knowing* whose food they *tasted/were tasting*.

2. Match the beginnings (1-7) with the endings (a-g). Then complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. He _____ (climb) down the side of a building
2. The sun _____ (shine) brightly
3. The hot water tank _____ (explode)
4. When we _____ (get) to the concert
5. I _____ (not know) that my friends
6. While you _____ (lie) on the beach
7. Last year, Simon _____ (give up) painting

- a) while I _____ (have) a shower.
- b) the band _____ (play) my favourite song.
- c) when suddenly the rope _____ (break).
- d) and _____ (take up) sculpture instead.
- e) _____ (prepare) a surprise party for me.
- f) when I _____ (get up) this morning.
- g) we _____ (study) for our exams!

3. Complete the texts with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

When I 1) _____ (arrive) at the party, it 2) _____ (be) already packed with people. Some of them 3) _____ (dance) and others 4) _____ (chat). When I realized that no one 5) _____ (pay) any attention to me I 6) _____ (decided) to go home. But just as I 7) _____ (leave) the party a beautiful blonde girl 8) _____ (walk) through the door and 9) _____ (smile) at me.

Last night I 10) _____ (go) to bed early because I 11) _____ (feel) really tired. But I 12) _____ (not can) sleep because my family 13) _____ (make) so much noise. My little brother 14) _____ (play) his trumpet and, my dad 15) _____ (have) the TV on really loud. So I 16) _____ (get) out of bed and 17) _____ (go) onto the internet for an hour or so.

When I 18) _____ (get) up this morning, the sun 19) _____ (shine), so I decided to go for a long walk. About half way through the walk, it suddenly 20) _____ (start) to pour rain.

Unfortunately, 21) _____ (not wear) a coat, so I 22) _____ (get) completely soaked.