Practice 1

Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous:

1. I often (go) to work by bus.

2. Where (you/live)?

3. The boss isn't here. She (have) lunch with a client.

4. The photocopy machine is free. I (not/use) it.

5. Tom (work) as an architect for a large firm in London. This month, his company (design) a new office building for one of its main clients.

6. I usually (leave) the office at 5pm, but this week I (stay) late because of the new project.

7. Pablo is a journalist - he (write) articles for a well-known newspaper. Right now, he (write) about the economic situation in his country.

8. Owen (talk) on the phone at the moment. He (not/usually/make) calls in his work.

Practice 2 - State vs. Action verbs

Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous:

1. We (need) to wait. I (not/know) how long.

2. I (not/like) this design. I (prefer) that one.

3. I (not/understand) what you (try) to say. Can you explain it another way?

4. Jenny (be) on maternity leave. She (not/work) at the moment.

5. The managers (think) of relocating the company headquarters.

6. Right now, I (not/see) a problem. I (think) everything is fine.

7. (have/you) a minute? I (want) to talk to you about something.

8. I (see) that you (not/do) anything at the moment.

9. The internet (seem) to be down at the moment. (you/understand)?

10. I (not/have) time to talk right now. I (see) the manager.

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Practice 3

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the past continuous tense of the verbs in brackets:

1. Joanne (make) breakfast when Peter called.

2. While he (do) the dishes, he ran out of washing up liquid.

3. They decided to go to the beach while the sun (still/shine)

4. I called you this morning, but you didn't answer the phone. (you/take) a shower?

5. At 8pm last night, Mario (not/do) his homework. He (play) computer games instead!

6. John had a car accident while he (drive) to work. He (talk) on his mobile when he reversed into a tree.

Practice 3

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the past continuous or past simple tense of the verbs in brackets:

1. What film (you/watch) when I (call) you last night?

2. While he (jog) in the park, a dog (bite) him on the leg.

3. I (see) Adam again in the park this morning. He (walk) his dog.

4. You (not/hear) me get home last night because you (sleep).

5. John (not/take) his umbrella with him last night because it (not/rain).

6. Mr. Lee (work) so hard that he (fall) asleep at this desk.

7. While they (swim), Sam (spot) a dangerous shark. They quickly (swim) back to the shore and (alert) the lifeguard.

8. (you/have) lunch when I (call) your office yesterday?

9. (anyone/call) when I (cook) dinner?

10. I (not/have) time to email you because I (study) for my French exam.

11. When Abdul (arrive) home, his brother (listen) to some music.

12. Mario (have) an accident while he (ski). Fortunately it (not/be) serious.

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