

Relationships

Past simple vs Past Continuous



Listen to Helen and Simon's story and select the correct option to complete the text. Pay attention to examples 1 and 2.



I first **met**¹ Simon when we **were waiting**² for a bus.

It _____³ and he _____⁴ his umbrella.

While we _____⁵ on the bus, he _____⁶ me his business card.

But when I _____⁷ home I _____⁸ find the card anywhere.

A week later, I _____⁹ to the bus stop after work and I _____¹⁰ him in the street.

He _____¹¹ to a woman so I _____¹² hello.

But while I _____¹³ for my bus, a car _____¹⁴ next to me. It was Simon.

He _____¹⁵ to drive me home and I _____¹⁶ him in for a coffee. That _____¹⁷ 22 years ago!

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| 3. a. rained | b. was raining | c. were raining |
| 4. a. offered | b. was offering | c. were offering |
| 5. a. sat | b. was sitting | c. were sitting |
| 6. a. gave | b. was giving | c. were giving |
| 7. a. got | b. was getting | c. were getting |
| 8. a. can't | b. couldn't | c. was canning |
| 9. a. walked | b. was walking | c. were walking |
| 10. a. saw | b. was seeing | c. were seeing |
| 11. a. talked | b. was talking | c. were talking |
| 12. a. didn't say | b. wasn't saying | c. weren't saying |
| 13. a. waited | b. was waiting | c. were waiting |
| 14. a. stopped | b. was stopping | c. were stopping |
| 15. a. offered | b. was offering | c. were offering |
| 16. a. invited | b. was inviting | c. were inviting |
| 17. a. be | b. was | c. were |