

GRAMMAR 13 PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE

1 Underline the correct verb form in each sentence.

- 1 While I was doing / *did* my homework, I had a good idea.
- 2 Jim *was breaking* / *broke* his leg when he was playing golf.
- 3 When I arrived, I *was going* / *went* into the kitchen.
- 4 We *were finding* / *found* an old box while we were digging in the garden.
- 5 I *was seeing* / *saw* an old friend while I was waiting for the train.
- 6 While I *had* / *was having* a bath, the phone rang.

2 Complete each sentence with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Chris (eat) ate spaghetti every day last week.
- 2 When I (come) into the room, two boys (play) football.
- 3 Peter (turn on) the TV, but nothing (happen)
- 4 While we (run) in the park, Mary (fall over)
- 5 While I (listen) to music, I (hear) the doorbell.
- 6 I (break) my pen while I (do) my homework.

3 Read the paragraph. Choose the most suitable word for each space.

Last week my friend Sandy and I (1) ~~A~~. to go to the beach on the bus. While we (2) for the bus, it suddenly (3) to rain. We (4) summer clothes, and we (5) an umbrella. While we (6) there in the rain, Sandy's mother (7) past, so we (8) to her. Luckily, she (9) us, and (10) us home in the car.

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| 1 A decided | B was deciding | C were deciding |
| 2 A were waiting | B waiting | C was waiting |
| 3 A start | B was starting | C started |
| 4 A was wearing | B wore | C were wearing |
| 5 A weren't having | B had | C didn't have |
| 6 A stood | B were standing | C standed |
| 7 A drove | B driving | C drove |
| 8 A were waving | B waved | C was waving |
| 9 A noticing | B noticed | C didn't notice |
| 10 A took | B take | C taked |