

Past Simple or Past Continuous? Choose.

1. I _____. - I didn't hear you come in.
a) was sleeping b) slept
2. I _____ to see her twice, but she wasn't home.
a) was coming b) came
3. What _____? I was watching TV.
a) did you do b) were you doing
4. Robin Hood was a character who _____ from the rich and gave to the poor.
a) stole b) was stealing
5. Hey, did you talk to her? Yes, I _____ to her
a) was talking b) talked
6. I _____ home very late last night.
a) came b) was coming
7. When _____?
a) did you arrive b) were you arriving
8. _____ a good time in Brazil? Yes, I had a blast!
a) Were you having b) Did you have
9. We _____ breakfast when she walked into the room.
a) had b) were having
10. Last month I decided to buy a new car, and today I finally _____ it.
a) bought b) was buying



Past simple, past continuous - complete

1. When I (do) _____ the washing-up, I (break) _____ a plate.
2. While Tom (play) _____ the piano, his mother (do) _____ the washing-up.
3. A: What (you, do) _____ when you heard that noise? B: I (try) _____ to change a light bulb that had burnt out.
4. I (have) _____ dinner when I suddenly (hear) _____ a loud bang.
5. My father (work) _____ in the garden when an old friend (pass) _____ by to see him.



6. The doctor (say) _____ that Brian (be) _____ too weak to go to work and that he (need) _____ to stay at home for a couple of days.
7. When it (start) _____ to rain, our dog (want) _____ to come inside.
8. I (watch) _____ a thriller on T.V. when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the film ends.
9. I (be) _____ on my way home, when I (see) _____ an accident.
10. I (not / understand) _____ what they (talk) _____ about.



Past simple, past continuous - complete

1. When I (get) _____ up yesterday, the sun (shine) _____.
2. It (is) _____ a beautiful morning.
3. So I (decide) _____ to go cycling.
4. I (go) _____ to the shed and (take) _____ out my bike.
5. While I (cycle) _____ past some villages, I (see) _____ many people working in their gardens.
6. My first door neighbour (mow) _____ the lawn while his wife (pick) _____ strawberries.
7. After one hour of cycling in sunshine, a big raincloud suddenly (appear) _____, the sky _____ (grow) dark and it (start) _____ to rain.
8. Luckily, a farmer (notice) _____ me and (invite) _____ me to come in.
9. While it (rain) _____ outside, I (sit) _____ in the farmer's house. His wife kindly _____ (offer) some biscuits and a cup of tea.
10. After a while, the sun (come) _____ out again.
11. I (thank) _____ the farmer for his hospitality, (put) _____ on my helmet and _____ (leave).



