

Activity 1

Choose which verb tense (simple past or past continuous) fits better.

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. How long _____ the flu?
a) did you have b) were you having
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

Activity 5

Write the correct form of the verb, using the Past Simple or the Past Continuous tense.

A: I _____ (see) Peter and John in the park on Sunday.

B: _____ (they/play) football?

They always play football on Sundays.

A: No, they _____ (not/be).

They _____ (talk) with some girls.

B: _____ (you/say) hello to them?

A: Although I _____ (call) their names, they _____ (not/hear) me.

B: Maybe they _____ (not/notice) you _____ (be) there

Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Continuous or the Past Simple.

1) Frank _____ (finish) his lunch and _____ (ring) his friend Jason.

2) Jason _____ (watch) TV when Fran _____ (phone) him.

3) He _____ (turn off) the TV when he _____ (hear) the phone ringing.

4) They _____ (decide) what to do when Jason _____ (suggest) going to the club.

5) Frank _____ Jason _____ (pick up) and _____ (drive) to the club.

6) Two other people _____ (use) their tennis court when they _____ (arrive).

7) They _____ (drink) a soda and _____ (eat) a sandwich while they _____ (wait) to play.

8) While they _____ (play), it _____ (start) to rain so they _____ (have) to stop playing.

Activity 6

Put the verbs into the correct form (past progressive).

1. When I phoned my friends, they (play) _____ Monopoly.
2. Yesterday at six I (prepare) _____ dinner.
3. The kids (play) _____ in the garden when it suddenly began to rain.
4. I (practice) _____ the guitar when he came home.
5. We (not / cycle) _____ all day.
6. While Aaron (work) _____ in his room, his friends (swim) _____ in the pool.
7. I tried to tell them the truth but they (listen / not) _____.
8. What (you / do) _____ yesterday?
9. Most of the time we (sit) _____ in the park.