

2 Get the message

GRAMMAR

past simple and past continuous

1 Complete the table with past simple form of the verbs.

infinitive	past simple
carry	
come	
have	
hear	
move	
plan	
study	
win	

2 Read the sentences (1–8) about what different people were doing last night. Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I (chat) to my friend Ali on my phone.
- We (learn) some new English words.
We (not do) a great job, though!
- I was with my sister. We (have) dinner and, for once, we (not argue)!
- It (rain) and I (stand) at the bus stop getting wet.
- My brother (tell) me about something but I (not listen)!
- My friend and I (watch) a film.
I (not enjoy) it very much.
- I (talk) to my parents. They (ask) me about my day.
- I (sleep). I fell asleep while I (do) my homework!

3 2.1 Listen and check your answers.

4 What were you doing at these times yesterday? Write a sentence for each one.

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5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- While I **lived** / **was living** in Japan, I **took** / **was taking** Japanese lessons.
- What **were they talking** / **did they talk** about when I **came** / **was coming** into the room?
- Our host family **didn't speak** / **weren't speaking** to us in Spanish while we **stayed** / **were staying** with them.
- When we **arrived** / **were arriving**, all the guests **danced** / **were dancing**.
- I **didn't use** / **wasn't using** my phone while we **travelled** / **were travelling**.
- She **spoke** / **was speaking** in a strange language, so I **wasn't** / **wasn't being** able to understand her.

6 Complete the conversation with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- A: 1 (you / take) a lot of study books or a travel guide with you on your language exchange?
- B: No, I 2 (not need) them. I just 3 (put) my smartphone in my pocket. When I 4 (study) and needed to look up a word, I 5 (use) an online dictionary. When I 6 (sightsee), my phone 7 (become) both a map and a guidebook. And of course it was also my camera.
- A: I see! So you 8 (not have to) carry a heavy bag.
- B: Exactly! My phone weighs next to nothing, so I 9 (not get) tired while I 10 (walk) around.

