

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

5.1 past simple and past continuous

1 Underline the correct alternative.

Last year, we ¹went/were going on holiday to America. We ²flew/were flying to Florida and ³visited/were visiting Disneyworld before going to Miami. While we ⁴stayed/were staying in Miami, we ⁵met/were meeting a great couple. They ⁶spent/were spending a year travelling around the USA. We ⁷talked/were talking all night and they ⁸told/were telling us about their favourite American cities. We ⁹decided/were deciding to go to New Orleans with them.

So, we ¹⁰hired/were hiring a car and ¹¹drove/were driving along the coast and through the national forests. It ¹²was/was being a long journey, so we ¹³stopped/were stopping at different places on the way. When we ¹⁴were having/had a break in Tallahassee, we ¹⁵saw/were seeing someone we knew. It ¹⁶was/was being our neighbour from our village in England! What a coincidence!



2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The match _____ (start) at 7.30 in the evening. It _____ (rain) as the players _____ (come) into the stadium but it _____ (be) a great game.
- 2 My father _____ (drive) home late one night when he _____ (hit) a tree.
- 3 I _____ (like) the film a lot and I _____ (see) it three times.
- 4 I _____ (talk) to my friends online when I _____ (get) the message.
- 5 When the postman _____ (arrive), I _____ (look) at all the envelopes.
- 6 When the postman _____ (arrive), I _____ (have) a shower.
- 7 They _____ (knock down) that building when they _____ (find) the old coins.
- 8 He _____ (break) his leg while he _____ (climb) in the mountains.

3 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

didn't go

- 1 I ~~wasn't~~ going to work yesterday.
- 2 She talked on her phone when she fell.
- 3 What you were doing when you met your husband?
- 4 He was giving a presentation when I was first seeing him.
- 5 They didn't do their work when the teacher walked in.
- 6 Gosh, you're wet! You didn't have a shower, were you?
- 7 I fell asleep when the phone rang.
- 8 She was paying the taxi driver.

5.2 verb patterns

1 Are the verbs followed by *-ing* or infinitive with *to*? Tick the correct box. Two verbs can be followed by either pattern.

Verb	<i>-ing</i>	infinitive with <i>to</i>
avoid	✓	
choose		
decide		
expect		
finish		
hope		
like		
love		
need		
promise		
want		

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (expect/travel) to India next month.
- 2 I _____ (love/spend) time in exotic places.
- 3 I'll try to _____ (avoid/eat) very spicy food.
- 4 Amy _____ (want/come) with me.
- 5 We _____ (like/travel) together.
- 6 She has _____ (decide/leave) her job.
- 7 And I _____ (finish/work) last month.
- 8 She _____ (hope/get) another job when we get back.
- 9 We _____ (need/get) visas first.

5.3 asking for/giving directions

1 Put the words in the correct order to make phrases for giving directions.

1 along / go / road / main / the

2 second / left / the / take

3 turning / the / past / go

4 you / front / of / in

5 reach / going / you / until / keep

2 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.

can you show me on the map
 can you tell me the way to excuse me
 go along the High Street go straight along
 is it far keep going until you reach
 turn right at the corner you can't miss it

A: 1 _____.

B: Yes?

A: 2 _____ the City Museum?

B: Um ... the City Museum ... oh yes!

A: 3 _____?

B: No, it's only about ten minutes from here.

A: Great! 4 _____?

B: Yes, of course. Let me see. 5 _____ the High Street.

A: Is this the High Street?

B: Yes, it is.

A: So, I 6 _____?

B: That's right. 7 _____.

A: So, I need to go right?

A: Yes, right. 8 _____ the traffic lights. The City Museum is on the left.
 9 _____.

B: Thank you, very much.



Consolidation

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Tony 1 _____ to work one day when it happened. He 2 _____ in an office downtown. He liked 3 _____ to work by bike because it kept him fit. He decided 4 _____ the new bike path. He went 5 _____ the High Street.

Then he 6 _____ to turn left onto the bike path.

He 7 _____ left when a lorry crossed in front of him. Tony 8 _____ time to think. He 9 _____ himself onto the road. The lorry 10 _____ right over him!

'Are you OK?' 11 _____ a passer-by.

'Yeah, I'm fine,' Tony 12 _____.

'I think you should go to hospital – it 13 _____.'

'Yes, maybe. Can you 14 _____?'

'Sure. It's past the station, 15 _____. I'll take you there.'

1 a) cycled	b) was cycling	c) cycles
2 a) was working	b) works	c) worked
3 a) to going	b) going	c) goes
4 a) using	b) to use	c) used
5 a) straightly	b) straight	c) along
6 a) signals	b) was	c) signalled
		signalling
7 a) turned	b) was turning	c) turns
8 a) didn't have	b) wasn't	c) hasn't
9 a) was throwing	b) threw	c) throws
10 a) was passing	b) passes	c) passed
11 a) asking	b) asks	c) asked
12 a) answered	b) answers	c) was answering
13 a) is far	b) isn't close	c) isn't far
14 a) show the way	b) show me the way	c) show the way me
15 a) on the left	b) in the left	c) on left