

PAST CONTINUOUS VS. PAST SIMPLE

When do we use each tense?

1. I was doing homework while my mum...
 - a) cooked dinner.
 - b) cook dinner.
 - c) was cooked.
 - d) was cooking.

2. We were playing football when it....
 - a) started to rain.
 - b) was starting raining.
 - c) raining.
 - d) rained.

3. First they saw a big ship, then the ship disappeared so they...
 - a) were shocking.
 - b) were shocked.
 - c) was shocked.
 - d) was shocking.

4. What was Mike doing when the phone...
 - a) ring?
 - b) rang?
 - c) rung?
 - d) was ringing?

5. Nicola ... any TV programmes last weekend.
 - a) wasn't watching
 - b) was watching
 - c) watched
 - d) didn't watch

6. It ... warmer.
 - a) was getting
 - b) get
 - c) didn't get
 - d) were getting

7. From seven to nine children ...
- a) read a book.
 - b) red a book.
 - c) was reading.
 - d) were reading.
8. ... the leg while he was climbing the tree?
- a) Did he broke
 - b) Was he broke
 - c) Did he break
 - d) Was he breaking
9. When I ... I ... someone standing by my bed.
- a) wake up / saw
 - b) woke up / saw
 - c) woke up / was seeing
 - d) was waking up / see
10. Natalie ... of her bike while she was cycling to school.
- a) fall
 - b) was falling
 - c) was fallen
 - d) fell