

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

GRAMMAR PRACTICE



1 Read the sentences and choose the correct answer.

- While Sam _____ his homework, I was watching the TV.
a) do b) did c) was doing
- My mother was sleeping when I _____ the PC.
a) turned on b) was turning on c) turn on
- Last year, you _____ a new camera during your trip to Maldives.
a) was buying b) were buying c) bought
- I was reading my mail when my mobile phone alarm _____.
a) go off b) went off c) was going off
- I _____ the Internet when the computer crashed.
a) was searching b) were searching c) searched

2 Translate into English the following sentences:

- a) James estaba descargándose una película en su ordenador cuando se fue la luz.

- b) El mes pasado me descargué dos aplicaciones para aprender idiomas en mi tablet.

- c) No escuché lo que mi madre me dijo porque estaba escuchando música con los auriculares.

- d) John no pudo enviar a Emma el correo electrónico porque se fue la luz cuando lo estaba escribiendo.

- e) Mi eBook se quedó sin batería porque se me olvidó cargarlo.

3 Complete the sentences using past simple or past continuous.

- I _____ (take) a shower when the phone _____ (ring).
- Yesterday, I _____ (watch) a tutorial on how to edit photos.
- My mobile _____ (freeze) while I _____ (download) a new app.
- While she _____ (update) her profile picture, the Internet connection _____ (go down).
- _____ you _____ (check) your followers when you _____ (realize) your account was hacked?
- She _____ (not check) her emails when the notification _____ (pop up).
- _____ he _____ (video call) his family when the screen _____ (freeze)?
- _____ you _____ (see) her post on Instagram?
- While I _____ (back up) my files, the computer _____ (shut down) unexpectedly.