

# 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.  
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- b) El mes pasado me descargué dos aplicaciones para aprender idiomas en mi tablet.  
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- c) No escuché lo que mi madre me dijo porque estaba escuchando música con los auriculares.  
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- d) John no pudo enviar a Emma el correo electrónico porque se fue la luz cuando lo estaba escribiendo.  
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- e) Mi eBook se quedó sin batería porque se me olvidó cargarlo.  
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### 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.