

# PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

## A) CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

- 1.-Anthony **called**/was **calling** while I **parked**/was **parking** the car.
- 2.-Miranda **drove**/was **driving** to work when she **saw**/was **seeing** the accident.
- 3.-Thomas **didn't watch**/wasn't **watching** the film when Sonia arrived home.
- 4.-Did **he lie**/was **he lying** on the sofa at 5,30 yesterday?
- 5.-When I **left**/was **leaving** the office, the phone **rang**/was **ringing**.
- 6.-It **snowed**/was **snowing** in the mountains when we got up yesterday.
- 7.-Barbara **was living**/lived in Paris when she was 15 years old.
- 8.-I **was writing**/wrote my blog on the Internet while you **slept**/were **sleeping**.
- 9.-While David **was recovering**/recovered in hospital, I decorated the flat.
- 10.-When I **was waking** /woke up, I realized that it **was getting** /got dark.



## B) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

- 1.-Yesterday at 9,30 pm my parents ..... (sit) in the garden ..... (drink) some Coke.
- 2.- The chambermaid ..... (make) my bed in the hotel and ..... (clean) the bathroom w breakfast.
- 3.- Somebody ..... (knock) on the door while I ..... (read) the newspaper.
- 4.-My brother ..... (buy) a lot of books when he ..... (live) in Cambridge.
- 5.-William ..... (not meet) Sally at the airport last Sunday.
- 6.-Jerry ..... (have) dinner when the lights ..... (go) out.
- 7.-The girl ..... (feel) ill so she ..... (not go) to work.
- 8.-When I ..... (arrive) at the wedding, Miriam ..... (introduce) me to some friends.
- 9.-Sarah ..... (run) to catch the bus, when she ..... (fall) down and ..... (break) her ankle.
- 10.-Richard ..... (teach) at the university when he ..... (meet) his wife.



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- 1.-Anthony **called** while I **was parking** the car.
- 2.-Miranda **was driving** to work when she **saw** the accident.
- 3.-Thomas **wasn't watching** the film when Sonia arrived home.
- 4.-**was he lying** on the sofa at 5,30 yesterday?
- 5.-When I **was leaving** the office, the phone **rang**.
- 6.-**It was snowing** in the mountains when we got up yesterday.
- 7.-Barbara **lived** in Paris when she was 15 years old.
- 8.-I **was writing** my blog on the Internet while you **were sleeping**.
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## B) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

- 1.-Yesterday at 9,30 pm my parents **WERE SITTING** in the garden **DRINKING** some Coke.
- 2.- The chambermaid **MADE** my bed in the hotel and **CLEANED** the bathroom while I **was having** breakfast.
- 3.- Somebody knocked **on** the door while I **WAS READING** the newspaper.
- 4.-My brother **BOUGHT** a lot of books when he **LIVED/WAS LIVING** in Cambridge.
- 5.-William **DIDN'T MEET** Sally at the airport last Sunday.
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- 7.-The girl **FELT** ill so she **DIDN'T GO** to work.
- 8.-When I **ARRIVED** at the wedding, Miriam **INTRODUCED** me to some friends.
- 9.-Sarah **WAS RUNNING** to catch the bus, when she **FELL** down and **BROKE** her ankle.
- 10.-Richard **WAS TEACHING** at the university when he **MET** his wife.