

PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE 1 (Dev 1)

Exercise 1: Circle the correct verb form in each sentence. /6

1. While I was doing / did my homework, I had a good idea.
2. Jim was breaking / broke his leg when he was playing golf.
3. When I arrived home after work, I was going / went into the kitchen for a snack.
4. We were finding / found an old box while we were digging in the garden.
5. I was seeing / saw an old friend while I was waiting for the train.
6. While I had / was having a bath, the phone rang.

Exercise 2: Complete each sentence with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. /11

1. Chris (eat) _____ spaghetti every day last week.
2. When I (come) _____ into the room, two boys
(play) _____ football.
3. Peter (turn on) _____ the TV, but nothing (happen)
_____.
4. While we (run) _____ in the park, Mary (fall over)
_____.
5. While I (listen) _____ to music, I (hear)
_____ the doorbell.
6. I (break) _____ my pen while I (do)
_____ my homework.

Exercise 3: Past continuous or Past simple? Underline the mistake in each sentence and write the correct form on the line. /8

1. When I was arriving at Dan's house, he was waiting outside. 1. _____
2. While we were doing a maths test, the head teacher was coming into the room. 2. _____
3. While we swam, it started to rain. 3. _____
4. While I was having a bath, the lights were going out. 4. _____
5. Debra watched television when the storm began. 5. _____
6. While I was walking to the shop I was losing my bag! 6. _____
7. What were you doing when I was seeing you yesterday? 7. _____
8. I was walking up the stairs when I was hearing the phone. 8. _____

Exercise 4: Read the paragraph. Circle the most suitable word for each space. /10

Last week my friend Sandy and I (1) _____ to go to the beach on the bus. While we (2) _____ for the bus, it suddenly (3) _____ to rain. We (4) _____ summer clothes, and we (5) _____ an umbrella. While we (6) _____ there in the rain, Sandy's mother (7) _____ past, so we (8) _____ to her. Luckily, she (9) _____ us, and (10) _____ us home in the car.

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| 1. A decided | B was deciding | C were deciding |
| 2. A were waiting | B waiting | C was waiting |
| 3. A start | B was starting | C started |
| 4. A was wearing | B wore | C were wearing |
| 5. A weren't having | B had | C didn't have |
| 6. A stood | B were standing | C standed |
| 7. A drived | B driving | C drove |
| 8. A were waving | B waved | C was waving |
| 9. A noticing | B noticed | C didn't notice |
| 10. A took | B take | C taked |