

# Past simple or continuous?

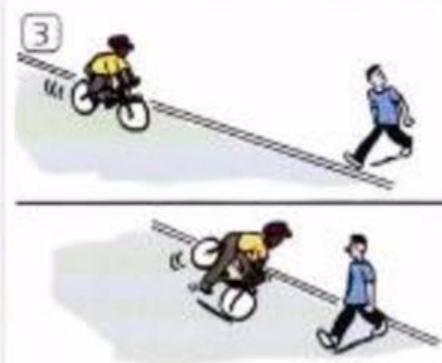
a Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



1 I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) me. She \_\_\_\_\_ (look) the other way.



2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Paris and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Rome. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a chat while we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for our flights.



3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) home yesterday when a man \_\_\_\_\_ (step) out into the road in front of me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) quite fast, but luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to stop in time and \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hit) him.

b Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 'What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- How fast \_\_\_\_\_ (you / drive) when the accident \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?
- Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a picture of me while I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / look).
- We were in a very difficult position. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / know) what to do.
- I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me. I was scared and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to run.
- When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a pilot.
- Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a plate when I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it \_\_\_\_\_ (not / break).

c Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (I did) or past continuous (I was doing)

- Katherine was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (I / arrive).
- The weather was horrible when \_\_\_\_\_ (we / arrive). It was cold and \_\_\_\_\_ (it / rain) hard.
- A: When I last saw you, \_\_\_\_\_ (you / think) of moving to a new flat.  
B: That's right, but in the end \_\_\_\_\_ (I / decide) to stay where I was.
- Sorry I'm late. My phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) three times while \_\_\_\_\_ (I / get) ready to go out.

- 5 Lisa was busy when \_\_\_\_\_ (we / go) to see her yesterday. She had an exam today and \_\_\_\_\_ (she / prepare) for it.  
(we / not / want) to disturb her, so \_\_\_\_\_ (we / not / stay) very long.
- 6 When I first \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Tom what happened, \_\_\_\_\_ (he / not / believe) me. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / think) that \_\_\_\_\_ (I / joke).

**d Which goes with which?**

- 1 When I got to the cafe
- 2 We fell asleep
- 3 Amy learnt Italian
- 4 Tom didn't come out with us
- 5 The car began to make a strange noise
- 6 The TV was on
- 7 When I first met Jessica

- a when she was living in Rome.
- b she was working in a clothes shop.
- c when I was driving home.
- d but nobody was watching it.
- e while we were watching a film.
- f my friends were waiting for me.
- g because he wasn't feeling well.

- 1 ...f.....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....

**Put the verb into the correct form: past simple (I did), past continuous (I was doing)**

1



Yesterday afternoon Sarah went (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) there, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for her.

2



When I got home, Ben \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the sofa. The TV was on, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) it. |

3



Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up to see what it was, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) anything, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to bed.