

Past Simple and Past Continuous

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Circle the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.



- a) Mary **prepared** / **was preparing** lunch when they **came** / **was coming**.
- b) Tom was very unlucky. It **rained** / **was raining** every day during his holidays.
- c) Who was that nice girl you **talked** / **were talking** to when I **walked** / **was walking** by the pub?
- d) Last weekend Susan **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** her leg.
- e) When I **entered** / **was entering** the cafeteria Mary **had** / **was having** lunch with Peter.
- f) We **drove** / **were driving** to Berlin in Robert's new car.
- g) The sun **shone** / **was shining** brightly when I **got up** / **was getting up** this morning.
- h) Ann finally **told** / **was telling** us the whole story about Peter.

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Circle the correct words.

- 6. Mike **wasn't** / **were** making a cheese sandwich.
- 7. Nina and Oscar **were** / **was** watching a film.
- 8. Betty **weren't** / **was** washing her hair.
- 9. We **wasn't** / **weren't** having breakfast in a café.
- 10. The two girls **were** / **wasn't** doing their homework.

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Rewrite as negative sentences.

- 6. Anna was playing the guitar.
- 7. Mick and Richard were taking photos.
- 8. Dad was feeding the dog.
- 9. I was cleaning my shoes.
- 10. They were getting ready for school.

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Circle the correct words.

- 6. I was **reading** / **read** in my room when Elsie knocked on the door.
- 7. We were playing cards when Mum **brought** / **was bringing** us some sandwiches.
- 8. Tina **cleaned** / **was cleaning** the kitchen floor when Richard walked into the room.
- 9. They were crossing the road when they **saw** / **were seeing** Jim.
- 10. The children **talked** / **were talking** when the teacher came into class.