BỔ TRỢ GRAMMAR Past Simple vs Past Continuous

Dành cho học sinh Level A2

1. Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs. (10 questions)

Last weekend, my family (1) _____ (visit) my grandparents in the countryside. While we (2) _____ (drive) there, it suddenly (3) _____ (start) to rain. My father (4) _____ (stop) the car and we (5) _____ (wait) for the rain to stop. While I (6) _____ (look) out of the window, I (7) _____ (see) a beautiful rainbow. When we finally (8) _____ (arrive) at my grandparents' house, my grandmother (9) _____ (cook) a big dinner. We (10) _____ (have) a wonderful time together.

2. Write questions and complete the short answers. (10 questions)

1. '_____ TV when the phone rang (you/watch)?' 'Yes, I _____ .'
2. '_____ football yesterday afternoon (they/play)?' 'Yes, they _____ .'
3. '_____ dinner when the lights went out (she/cook)?' 'Yes, she _____ .'
4. '_____ your homework last night (you/do)?' 'No, I _____ .'
5. '_____ in the park when it started to rain (the children/play)?' 'Yes, they _____ .'
6. '_____ a book at 9 p.m. yesterday (he/read)?' 'No, he _____ .'
7. '_____ to school by bus yesterday morning (you/go)?' 'Yes, I _____ .'
8. '_____ loudly while the teacher was speaking (the students/talk)?' 'No, they _____ .'
9. '_____ a cake when her friends arrived (Lan/make)?' 'Yes, she _____ .'
10. '_____ the match on TV last night (your family/watch)?' 'Yes, we _____ .'

3. Circle the correct alternative. (30 questions)

1. While I **was walking / walked** home, I **met / was meeting** an old friend.

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2. Yesterday my sister **studied / was studying** English all morning.
3. She **cooked / was cooking** dinner when her husband **came / was coming** home.
4. It **rained / was raining** heavily when we **left / were leaving** the house.
5. The students **listened / were listening** quietly while the teacher **explained / was explaining** the lesson.
6. Last night I **read / was reading** a book when the phone **rang / was ringing**.
7. They **didn't watch / weren't watching** TV because they **were / was** tired.
8. While we **waited / were waiting** for the bus, it suddenly **started / was starting** to snow.
9. He **broke / was breaking** his leg while he **played / was playing** football.
10. I **did / was doing** my homework when my friend **called / was calling** me.
11. The children **played / were playing** in the garden when it **began / was beginning** to rain.
12. While my mother **was shopping / shopped**, she **lost / was losing** her purse.
13. Tom **watched / was watching** a film at 8 o'clock last night.
14. We **had / were having** dinner when the lights **went / were going** out.
15. She **didn't hear / wasn't hearing** the question because she **thought / was thinking** about something else.
16. Yesterday afternoon I **cleaned / was cleaning** my room.
17. While the teacher **was writing / wrote** on the board, a student **asked / was asking** a question.
18. He **fell / was falling** off the bike while he **rode / was riding** too fast.
19. My family **visited / was visiting** the zoo last Sunday.
20. The phone **rang / was ringing** while I **had / was having** a shower.
21. They **laughed / were laughing** loudly when the teacher **entered / was entering** the classroom.
22. I **saw / was seeing** a beautiful bird while I **walked / was walking** in the park.
23. She **didn't sleep / wasn't sleeping** well last night.
24. While we **were driving / drove** to the beach, we **listened / were listening** to music.

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25. The cat **sat / was sitting** on the chair when the dog **came / was coming** into the room.

26. He **worked / was working** in the garden all day yesterday.

27. I **was cooking / cooked** rice when my mother **arrived / was arriving** home.

28. The children **didn't make / weren't making** noise while the baby **slept / was sleeping**.

29. Last week my class **went / was going** on a school trip.

30. While Anna **was drawing / drew** a picture, her brother **watched / was watching** her carefully.

4. Reading exercise + comprehension questions. (10 questions)

Read the text:

Last Saturday afternoon, Tom was playing in the garden with his dog. While he was throwing a ball, the dog suddenly ran into the street. Tom was very scared. He ran after the dog quickly. At that moment, a car was coming fast down the road. Luckily, Tom's father saw everything from the window. He shouted loudly and the dog stopped. Tom was very happy because his dog was safe. Later that evening, the family sat together and talked about the accident. Tom learned an important lesson that day.

Choose the correct answer (A, B or C):

1. Last Saturday afternoon, Tom _____.
2. A) was sleeping B) was playing in the garden C) was watching TV
3. While Tom was throwing the ball, the dog _____.

   A) slept B) suddenly ran into the street C) ate food
4. Tom's father _____.

   A) was sleeping B) saw everything from the window C) was playing with the dog
5. The car _____.

   A) stopped immediately B) was coming fast C) hit the dog

Answer the questions:

6. What was Tom doing when the dog ran into the street? _____
7. Why was Tom scared? _____
8. Who helped stop the dog? _____

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9. What did the family do in the evening? _____

10. What did Tom learn that day? _____

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