

ELEMENTARY – TEST

PAST SIMPLE vs PAST CONTINUOUS

a. Circle the correct answer:

1. The sun **was shining/ shone** when I looked out of the window this morning.
2. My friends **were going/ went** to the cinema yesterday.
3. Mary **met/ was meeting** her friend as she was walking down the street.
4. While I **was walking/ walked** in the room, I saw John who was outside.
5. Mike was cleaning the house while Pam **was cooking/ cooked**.

b. Use Past Simple or Past Continuous:

0. My grandmother was making (make) lunch when I got (get) home.
1. While we _____ (walk) home yesterday, it started to snow.
2. I was sending a message to Lucy when she _____ (call) me.
3. Pam _____ (break) her arm while she _____ (play) volleyball.
4. Ben _____ (see) Jill while he _____ (ride) his bike in the park.
5. We _____ (watch) a film when Dad _____ (come) into the room.

c. Use when or while.

1. I took the dog out for a walk _____ you were sleeping.
2. He was still writing the test _____ the bell rang.
3. Emma was crying _____ her mum left for work.
4. We were laughing _____ Dad was telling us a joke.
5. _____ John was driving his car to the beach, he saw the police officer.