



Grade: 8th ____
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Worksheet N°5
Topic: Past continuous – Past simple vs Continuous

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I. Complete the sentences using verbs from the box in the past continuous form.

not try	talk	not do	play	get	shine
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0. Lisa was dreaming about a day on the beach.

1. It was difficult but they _____ very hard.

2. Everyone _____ about the news on TV.

3. It was a beautiful day; the sky was blue and the sun _____.

4. I _____ out of the car when I saw you.

5. We _____ anything special.

6. She _____ the piano for hours.

II. Write questions and answers in the past continuous.

0. Ken / climb up / a rope? No / play basketball

Was Ken climbing up a rope? No, he was playing basketball.

What / Lucy / do? talk / on her phone.

What was Lucy doing? She was talking on her phone.

1. Matt / walking? No / run.

2. what / you / drink? I / orange juice.

3. you / hide / under the table? no / behind the sofa.

4. what / you / do? I / put on / shoes.

5. Ralph / work / last night? No / dance.

6. the boys / fight? No / play.

III. Join the sentences using when or while.

0. Tom was eating breakfast. The telephone rang.

Tom was eating breakfast **when** the telephone rang.

1. I was walking. I saw a man dancing.

2. We were having dinner. Someone rang the doorbell.

3. The wind blew my papers everywhere. I was reading under a tree.

4. I was showing my friend my toy. I dropped it and it broke.

5. I bit my lip. I was eating a snack.

6. I was watching sports on TV. My brother wanted to play video games.

IV. Use the words to make sentences in the simple past and past continuous.

0. Alex and Sue / watch a film on DVD / when / their friends / arrive.

Alex and Sue **were watching** a film on DVD **when** their friends **arrived**.

1. He / study / when / phone ring.

2. While / I / sleep / my brother / do homework.

3. I / look for / tennis racket / I / find / \$10.000.

4. my teacher / explain / the problem / I / not understand / anything

5. they / rob / the bank / the police / arrive

6. they / jump in / the pool / he / try to swim

V. Put the dialogue in order. Number the sentences from 1 to 6.

- __1__ Mary: Hey Teresa! What did you do yesterday?
- _____ Mary: What were you doing there? It was so cold!
- _____ Mary: Well, I was studying all day, but then my parents made me go out for dinner.
- _____ Teresa: I went to the beach!
- _____ Teresa: I was flying a kite with my sister. What did you do?
- _____ Teresa: That sounds nice. You shouldn't spend so much time studying.

VI. Answer the questions.

1. What were you doing at 7 pm yesterday evening?

2. What were you doing the last time your phone rang?

3. What did you have for lunch yesterday?

4. What did you study last week?

5. What was your teacher doing when you came into class today?

VOCABULARY

I. Complete the sentences with the correct form of do, go, or play. (Present, past or future).

0. John _____ skiing last Saturday.

John **went** skiing last Saturday.

1. Sandra _____ football when she was a student at school.

2. I _____ running every morning last week.

3. **Does** he _____ athletics?

4. School children _____ rugby in Wales.

5. I want to _____ snowboarding **next** winter.

6. Would you like to _____ rock-climbing this weekend?

7. Paul and Betty _____ sailing in the summer.

8. Do you _____ gymnastics at your school?

II. Match the elements with the sports. Put the letters next to the sports. Sometimes more than one.

Sports

0. Football **G F**

1. Horse racing _____

2. Tennis _____

3. Athletics _____

4. Swimming _____

5. mountaneerin _____

6. Basketball _____

Elements

a. water

b. rope

c. a rider

d. a track

e. a race

f. a court

g. a ball

h. a net

i. a match