

PAST TENSES PRACTICE

PAST SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

1 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I practised my English pronunciation when, suddenly, the telephone rang.
- 2 While I studied for my exam, my brother was playing football.
- 3 I was moving to Spain last year to learn Spanish.
- 4 My mother called me on my mobile while I spoke to my tutor.
- 5 I was passing my exam last week! I'm so happy!
- 6 I was watching television when my friend was calling me last night.
- 7 I was laughing when my friend told me the story!
- 8 I was taking a language course in England while my friend learnt French in France.
- 9 I saw my friend just as she walked past my window.
- 10 I knew the words but I wasn't understanding the grammar.

2 Complete the email with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

be buy cycle discover go join leave meet
not know rain talk worry

Hi Jack,

My first week at university is over. Things (1) really well! Before I (2) home, I (3) about feeling lonely but there (4) loads of things to do every day! I (5) loads of people at the welcome disco last Friday and while I (6) to one girl there called Jenny, I (7) that she attended the same primary school as me – although I (8) her then. Last Wednesday I (9) into town and (10) some clothes. It (11) and I got very wet! Yesterday I (12) the university tennis club with Jenny.

OK, that's enough for now. Write soon!

Jon