

PAST SIMPLE/ PAST CONTINUOUS



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отримуйте ще більше корисної та
цікавої інформації



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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct option

- Dad **was taking / took** a photo of me while I **was singing / sang** at the party.
- Tom **was studying / studied** for his tests when I **was visiting / visited** him.
- Last night I **was reading / read** when the lights **were going / went** out.
- The boys **were still playing / still played** video games at 3 a.m.
- What **were you doing / did you do** at 9 p.m last night??
- Mark **was breaking / broke** his leg while he **was climbing / climbed**.
- On Saturday I **was going / went** to the cinema and then I **was eating / ate** out.
- Linda **was going / went** to bed when she **was hearing / heard** a noise.
- When you **were arriving / arrived** at the party, who **was being / was there**?
- Sally **was having / had** lunch when Lucy **was calling / called** her.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

- The man fell off the ladder while he _____ (cut) some branches.
- _____ you _____ (go) to school yesterday?
- My parents _____ (sleep) when the telephone rang.
- I _____ (not be) at home when my father _____
- When the teacher entered the classroom everyone _____ (work).
- He _____ (live) in Japan when there was a tsunami.
- When Lara arrived, her parents _____ (wait) for her at the airport.

3 Read the sentences and correct the mistakes.

- It was a nice day. The sun was shine. _____
- I was started school in 2015. _____
- Last summer we visiting Rome. _____
- Why you were crying when I came in? _____
- At 11 p.m we were sleep. _____

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Complete each sentence using the words from the list! Change the form if needed.

prepare sound record discover conduct receive strike see
malfunction work observe launch give read walk analyze

1) I _____ a fascinating book about space exploration when the power suddenly went out.

2) While Sarah _____ to work yesterday morning, she _____ a meteor shower.

3) The astronauts _____ for their mission when they _____ an urgent message from Mission Control.

4) As the scientists _____ the data from Mars, they _____ traces of water.

5) The space shuttle _____ precisely at 2:15 PM yesterday afternoon.

6) The telescope _____ while the researchers _____ a distant galaxy.

7) When the alarm _____, all the engineers _____ on the satellite repairs.

8) The meteorite _____ the lunar surface while the cameras _____ the event.

9) Dr. Johnson _____ an important presentation about black holes while her colleagues _____ experiments.

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Choose the correct verb form.

1. I (was walking / walked) home when it suddenly started raining.
2. She (was cooking / cooked) dinner when the phone rang.
3. We (played / were playing) chess when the lights went out.
4. While I (was reading / read) the news, my brother was making coffee.
5. They (watched / were watching) a movie when the baby started crying.
6. I (dropped / was dropping) the glass while I (carried / was carrying) the tray.
7. He (met / was meeting) his friend while he (was traveling / traveled) in Spain.
8. She (wrote / was writing) an email when her boss walked in.
9. While we (had / were having) lunch, the fire alarm went off.
10. I (was listening / listened) to music when the doorbell rang.
11. They (ran / were running) to catch the bus when it (left / was leaving).
12. While he (fixed / was fixing) the bike, it (rained / was raining).
13. They (played / were playing) outside when it (started / was starting) to snow.
14. The students (took / were taking) notes while the teacher (explained / was explaining) the new topic.
15. I (heard / was hearing) a strange noise while I (was walking / walked) through the forest.
16. While she (talked / was talking) to the manager, the others (waited / were waiting) outside.
17. He (was cleaning / cleaned) the garage when he (found / was finding) his old skateboard.
18. The power (went / was going) out while we (watched / were watching) the football match.
19. I (was reading / read) the message when I (realised / was realising) it was a scam.
20. While I (worked / was working) late last night, I (spilled / was spilling) coffee on my laptop.

Writing

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Look at the drawings. Write a story including all the elements below.

Be sure to use past simple and past continuous tenses and appropriate time connectors. You can use an AI idea generator to help you.



