

Grammar Practice: Past Simple and Continuous

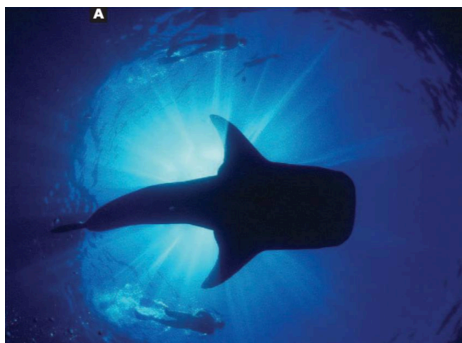
Task 1: Read the sentences and complete the spaces using the verb in parentheses in the past simple or past continuous form. Read the example below and then continue with the others.



1. At 6:00 P.M. Robert sat down at the table and began to eat. At 6:05, Robert (*eat*)
was eating dinner.
2. While Robert (**eat**) _____ dinner, Ann (**come**) _____ the front door.
3. In other words, when Ann (**come**) _____ through the door, Robert (**eat**) _____ dinner.
4. Robert went to bed at 10:30. At 11:00, Robert (**sleep**) _____.
5. While Robert (**sleep**) _____, his cell phone (**ring**) _____.
6. In other words, when his cell phone (**ring**) ringing, Robert (**sleep**) _____.
7. Robert left his house at 8:00 a.m. and (**begin**) _____ to walk to class.
8. While he (**walk**) _____ to class, he (**see**) _____ Mr. Ito.
9. When Robert (**see**) _____ Mr. Ito, he (**stand**) _____ in his driveway. He (**hold**) _____ a broom.
10. Mr. Ito (**wave**) _____ to Robert when he (**see**) _____ him.

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Task 2: Complete the story about the picture by selecting the correct form of the verb and marking it in **bold**.



While I (worked / was working) in the Maldives, I (heard / was hearing) that there were whale sharks in the area. Whale sharks are the world's biggest fish, and they aren't dangerous. I (bought / was buying) a snorkel and (set out / was setting out) with some friends on a boat. Almost immediately, a whale shark (swam / was swimming) past the boat. It (moved / was moving) really quickly, but we (managed / were managing) to catch up with it. We all (got / were getting) into the water and (spent / were spending) about two minutes with the shark. Afterwards, I (felt / was feeling) absolutely wonderful.