

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS

Simple past or past continuous ?

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Complete with the right answer--underline or highlight the correct one.

Exercise 1::

I (took - was taking) my little girl to school when I (saw - was seeing) a man run out of the bank. He (wore - was wearing) a mask and he (carried - was carrying) a gun.

While he (got - was getting) into a car in front of the bank, a woman (ran - was running) out of the bank and (shouted - was shouting) for help. The alarm in the bank (rang - was ringing) and everyone (looked - was looking) to see what (happened - was happening) . I (went - was going) to help the woman who (cried - was crying) . Then the police (arrived - was arriving) .

Past simple / Past continuous

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Simple past or progressive?

Exercise 2

A : - What (you / do) _____ when these people arrived ? Watching television ?

B : - No, we (play) _____ cards with Mr Wilson, the neighbour.

A : - But the woman (tell) _____ me you were watching television !

B : That's a lie ! We (not watch) television ! Ask Mr Wilson !

He (want) _____ to leave when they came in.

A : What (these people / say) _____ when they saw Mr Wilson ?

B : ' We (walk) _____ past your house when we saw the light', they said,

but we (not believe) _____ them.

A : What (they / want) _____ do you think ?

B : We don't know. First they (sit) _____ and watched us play but suddenly the woman (begin) _____ to cry.

A : What about the man ? (he / do) _____ anything to comfort his wife ?

B : Nothing. He didn't even notice. He (watch) _____ us play.

A : Do you think these people (wait for) _____ some help ?

B : Sorry, but we (not ask) _____ them anything... so they left.

Simple past / past continuous

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Complete the sentences.

Exercise 3

He _____ (play) tennis yesterday.

They _____ (to go) to the cinema last weekend.

I _____ (not go) to Italy last summer.

_____ (you / see) him yesterday ?

_____ (she/sleep) well last night ?

We _____ (phone) them ten minutes ago.

Why _____ (you /not/phone)? I was so worried.

I always _____ (do) my homework after school when I was young.

Yesterday I _____ (do) it for two hours.

The children _____ (read) whereas their mother was doing the washing up.

They _____ (watch) TV last night.

_____ (you /know) where they were last week?

What _____ (do/she) when her parents came back from work ?

ANSWERS: Exercise 1

was taking
saw
was wearing
was carrying
was getting
ran
shouted
was ringing
was looking
was happening
went
was crying
arrived

ANSWERS: Exercise 2

were you doing
were playing
told
were not watching
wanted
did these people say
were walking
did not believe
did they want
sat
began
Did he do
was watching
were waiting for
did not ask

ANSWERS: Exercise 3

played
went
did not go
did you see

did she sleep
phoned
didn't you phone
did
did
were reading
watched
did you know
was she doing
