

Past Simple and Past Continuous

1. Fill the gaps with the correct Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. Yesterday, she two new pairs of jeans. (**buy**)
2. What you last night? (**do**)
3. Nick across the lake last night. (**swim**)
4. Tom his homework, so the teacher angry. (**not finish/be**)
5. We to Chicago by United Airlines last Easter. (**fly**)
6. The shop many things last year. (**not sell**)
7. you the film on TV last night? (**see**)
8. She to answer the question. (**try**)
9. your brother the exam? (**take**)
10. Nobody the thief yesterday. (**catch**)

2. Look at Jane's diary for yesterday:

7 - 8 a.m.	SHOWER	8 - 9 a.m.	BREAKFAST
9 - 10 a.m.	TRAIN	10 - 11 a.m.	BEACH
11 - midday	ART GALLERY	12 - 1 p.m.	RESTAURANT
1 - 3 p.m.	SHOPPING CENTRE	3 - 5 p.m.	COFFEE SHOP
5 - 7 p.m.	SPORTS CENTRE	7 - 11 p.m.	DISCO

Now complete these sentences with Past Continuous verbs. Use verbs from this list:

buy dance drink eat have look run sit swim travel

- At 7.10 a.m. she a shower.
- At 8.17 a.m. she her breakfast.
- At 9.34 a.m. she to the seaside.
- At 10.05 a.m. she in the sea.
- At 11.39 a.m. she at paintings by Picasso.
- At 12.08 she in the restaurant.
- At 2 o'clock, she some new jeans.
- At 4.15 p.m. she her coffee.
- At 6 o'clock, she a hundred metres.
- At 9.30 p.m. she with her boyfriend.

3. In each sentence, fill the gaps with one Past Continuous verb and one Past Simple verb.

Use the verbs in brackets.

1. While I for the bus, I my friend Charles. (meet/wait)
2. She dinner when the telephone (cook/ring)
3. It to rain while they in the garden. (sit/begin)
4. While she home, she an accident. (have/drive)
5. While we TV, the cat the dinner. (steal/watch)
6. I a letter when my friend into the room. (write/come)
7. The robber the window while she upstairs. (sleep/break)
8. The computer down while he an e-mail. (break/write)
9. When I Angela, she with her boyfriend. (quarrel/see)
10. While they a video, Mum lunch. (watch/cook)

Answer key: Past Simple and Past Continuous

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| <p>1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. bought2. did / do3. swam4. didn't finish / was5. flew6. didn't sell7. Did / see8. tried9. Did / take10. caught | <p>2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. was having2. was eating3. was travelling4. was swimming5. was looking6. was sitting7. was buying8. was drinking9. was running10. was dancing |
| <p>3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. was waiting / met2. was cooking / rang3. began / were sitting4. was driving / had5. were watching / stole6. was writing / came7. broke / was sleeping8. broke / was writing9. saw / was quarrelling10. were watching / cooked | |