

Simple Past or Past Progressive (Continuous)

Exercise 1

Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. While Tom (read) , Amely (watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin (come) home, (switch) on the computer and (check) his emails.
3. The thief (sneak) into the house, (steal) the jewels and (leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody (listen) while the teacher (explain) the tenses.
5. While we (do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends (lie) on the beach.
6. He (wake) up and (look) at his watch.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. The receptionist (welcome) the guests and (ask) them to fill in the form.
2. The car (break) down and we (have) to walk home.
3. The boys (swim) while the girls (sunbathe) .
4. My father (come) in, (look) around and (tell) me to tidy up my room.
5. As long as one group (prepare) dinner, the others (collect) wood for their campfire.
6. While the parents (have) breakfast, their children (run) about.
7. Martha (turn) off the lights and (go) to bed.

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Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. While Tom was reading, Amely was watching a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin came home, switched on the computer and checked his emails.
3. The thief sneaked into the house, stole the jewels and left without a trace.
4. Nobody was listening while the teacher was explaining the tenses.
5. While we were doing a sight-seeing tour, our friends were lying on the beach.
6. He woke up and looked at his watch.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. The receptionist welcomed the guests and asked them to fill in the form.
2. The car broke down and we had to walk home.
3. The boys were swimming while the girls were sunbathing.
4. My father came in, looked around and told me to tidy up my room.
5. As long as one group was preparing dinner, the others were collecting wood for their campfire.
6. While the parents were having breakfast, their children were running about.
7. Martha turned off the lights and went to bed.