

Past Simple or Past Progressive / Continuous

Exercise 3 -Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).

1. We (wait) _____ for Jane, when suddenly Louis (come) _____ around the corner.
2. I (cycle) _____ through the park, when I (hear) _____ a strange noise.
3. He (pass) _____ her a message when the teacher (look / not) _____.
4. I (fall) _____ asleep while I (watch) _____ TV last night.
5. When Mike and Jane (paint) _____ the walls, their dog (knock) _____ over the paint pot.
6. Tom (break) _____ his leg when he (play) _____ frisbee.
7. The phone (ring) _____ when I (sit) _____ on the toilet.

Exercise 5

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

1. Two days ago, a murder (happen) _____ in Market Street at about seven pm.
2. Yesterday, Sherlock Holmes (arrive) _____ at the crime scene to investigate.
3. He (ask) _____ one of the tenants in the house.
4. »What (do / you) _____ yesterday at seven?«
5. »I (watch) _____ a football match on TV.«
6. » (be) _____ you alone?«
7. »Yes, I (be) _____.«
8. » (hear / you) _____ anything suspicious?«
9. »Yes, about seven o'clock, two people (argue) _____ in the hallway. But the football match (be) _____ so interesting. So I just (turn) _____ up the telly and then (hear / not) _____ anything anymore.« Top of Form

Exercise 6 - Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or past progressive).

1. When I (do) _____ was doing the washing-up, I (break) _____ broke a plate.
2. While Tom (play) _____ the piano, his mother (do) _____ the washing-up.
3. He (drink) _____ some juice and then he (eat) _____ a few chips.
4. I (have) _____ dinner when I suddenly (hear) _____ a loud bang.
5. When my father (work) _____ in the garden, an old friend (pass) _____ by to see him.
6. She (go) _____ to school, (take) _____ out her textbook and (begin) _____ to learn.
7. When it (start) _____ to rain, our dog (want) _____ to come inside.
8. When Jane (do) _____ a language course in Ireland, she (visit) _____ Blarney Castle.
9. When I (be) _____ on my way home, I (see) _____ an accident.
10. I (not / understand) _____ what they (talk) _____ about.