

Exercises

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present continuous (progressive)).

1. Every Monday, Sally (drive) _____ her kids to football practice.
 2. Usually, I (work) _____ as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I (study) _____ French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.
 3. Shhhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep) _____.
 4. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain) _____.
 5. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always) _____.
 6. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say) _____ because everybody (talk) _____ so loudly.
 7. Justin (write, currently) _____ a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.
 8. Jim: Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?
Denise: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go) _____ to a movie tonight with some friends.
 9. The business cards (be, normally) _____ printed by a company in New York. Their prices (be) _____ inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.
 10. This delicious chocolate (be) _____ made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.
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1. Look! He (leave) _____ is leaving the house.
 2. Quiet please! I (write) _____ a test.
 3. She usually (walk) _____ to school.
 4. But look! Today she (go) _____ by bike.
 5. Every Sunday we (go) _____ to see my grandparents.
 6. He often (go) _____ to the cinema.
 7. We (play) _____ Monopoly at the moment.
 8. The child seldom (cry) _____.
 9. I (not / do) _____ anything at the moment.
 10. (watch / he) _____ the news regularly?

Decide whether to use 'was' or 'were'.

1. Boris _____ learning English.
2. They _____ swimming in the lake.
3. Your father _____ repairing the car.
4. I _____ reading a magazine.
5. You _____ packing your bag.
6. My friends _____ watching the match on TV.
7. It _____ raining.
8. The dog _____ barking.
9. The children _____ brushing their teeth.
10. Anne and Maureen _____ singing a song.

Write sentences in past progressive.

1. he / the car / wash → _____
2. she / home / go → _____
3. they / not / the match / watch → _____
4. you / in the shop / work → _____
5. I / not / a magazine / read → _____

Ask for the information in the bold part of the sentence.

1. Jamie was doing a language course **in London**. → _____
2. Andrew was carrying **a heavy box**. → _____
3. **The teacher** was testing our English. → _____
4. **At six o'clock**, we were having dinner. → _____
5. Sally was hurrying to school **because she was late**. → _____

Write past simple or past continuous in the gaps:

6. 1) When the post man _____ (arrive), my father _____ (have a shower)
7. 2) While my brother _____ (study), my grandma _____ (make) some muffins.
8. 3) I _____ (go) to the doctor 2 days ago because I _____ (have) a terrible headache.
9. 4) When I _____ (be) 10, I _____ (eat) a sandwich every evening.
10. 5) He _____ (miss) the train because he _____ (talk) with some friends.
11. 6) The thieves _____ (come) into the house while the man _____ (sleep)
12. 7) I _____ (drink) a glass of water at eleven. I'm not thirsty now.
13. 8) _____ you _____ (write) the composition last week?
14. 9) My mother _____ (not/be) at home when she _____ (fall) down the stairs.
15. 10) The children _____ (plant) a tree when their mummy _____ (call) them.