

TENSE USAGE : Simple Past Vs Past Continuous

SIMPLE PAST		PAST CONTINUOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yesterday • last Tuesday / evening / week / year e.t.c. • three minutes / weeks ago • in 2001 • then • when 	↖ ↗ Key Words ↙ ↘	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this time last week/yesterday • at 9 o'clock yesterday evening • while • as • all morning / evening e.t.c.

A. Fill in the Simple Past or the Past Continuous Tense:

- 1) I _____ (live) in a city when I was younger, but I _____ (not / like) it because it was very noisy.
- 2) When he was at school, he _____ (prefer) tennis, but now he likes football.
- 3) “_____ you _____ (walk) to work in those days Grandma?” “Yes, I did”
- 4) One of the children _____ (cry) because he was frightened.
- 5) Who _____ (arrive) first?
- 6) “What _____ you _____ (do) at eleven o'clock last night?” - “I _____ (watch) TV.”
- 7) “_____ you _____ (look) for a new flat last month?” - “Yes, I was.”
- 8) Mary _____ (not/study) when I called her. She _____ (make) a cake.
- 9) They _____ (play) basketball all morning.
- 10) While I _____ (walk) home from college, it _____ (start) to rain.

B. Match the Following Columns:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We were doing our homework while _____ 2. Emily was crossing the street _____ 3. I was getting ready to go to work at _____ 4. While we were having a picnic in the park _____ 5. Martin was running to school _____ 6. Mary was shopping _____ 7. I was coming out of the hairdresser's _____ 8. Tom was reading a book _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. when he fell and hurt his leg b. when somebody stole her bag c. when I saw my husband with another woman d. when the doorbell rang e. Mum and Dad were cooking dinner f. when she saw Mike drive by in his new car g. seven o'clock this morning h. it started to rain |
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C. Fill in did, didn't, was, wasn't, were or weren't:

- 1) _____ you see the MTV Awards ceremony yesterday?
- 2) _____ you watching the MTV Awards ceremony at eleven o'clock last night?
- 3) It _____ rain a lot last year.
- 4) I _____ writing a letter when he called me.
- 5) Tina and Kim _____ not working in a shop when they first met.
- 6) I _____ very worried last night. Where _____ you?
- 7) Sally usually makes delicious biscuits, but her last ones _____ nice at all.
- 8) I _____ at work yesterday because I _____ ill with the flu.

D. Complete the Following Sentences with the Verbs in the box:

**caused, had, called, interviewed, caught, started,
broke, examined, read, crashed, noticed, got**

- 1) The woman was hurt, so we _____ an ambulance
- 2) The witness _____ something strange about the young man's behaviour
- 3) Do you know what _____ the accident?
- 4) A car and a bus _____ in the centre of town this morning.
- 5) Cathy and Jane _____ an argument and aren't speaking to each other.
- 6) The policeman _____ a witness to see what happened
- 7) The doctor _____ the woman
- 8) Mr. Brown _____ the letter from his son with a loud voice.
- 9) Tom _____ into his blue Audi.
- 10) Betty _____ the car engine.
- 11) John _____ the last bus.
- 12) My boyfriend _____ the speed limit