

PAST CONTINUOUS OR PAST SIMPLE

Complete the sentences. Use the **past continuous form** of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The plane _____ (fly) to Paris when it crashed.
- 2 The students _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain.
- 3 We _____ (cross) the street when the traffic lights turned red.
- 4 The children _____ (play) games when their mother called them.
- 5 Sue _____ (wash) the dishes when the phone rang.
- 6 My father _____ (cook) lunch when I got home.
- 7 Mary _____ (slice) the bread when she cut her hand.
- 8 My brother _____ (jump) on the bed when my mum walked in.

Choose the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Jim **was breaking** / **broke** his leg when he was playing golf.
- 2 When I arrived, I **was going** / **went** into the kitchen.
- 3 I **was seeing** / **saw** an old friend while I was waiting for the bus.
- 4 While I **had** / **was having** a bath, the phone rang.
- 5 Anna **was meeting** / **met** Judy while she was doing some shopping.
- 6 While Joe **was cooking** / **cooked** lunch, Clare arrived.
- 7 Someone **was taking** / **took** Peter's bag while he was making a phone call.
- 8 While Maria was walking home, she **was loosing** / **lost** her money.



Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past continuous.

- 1 When the teacher _____ (come) into the room, two boys _____ (play) football.
- 2 Peter _____ (turn on) the TV, but nothing _____ (happen).
- 3 When Helen _____ (walk) to school, she _____ (see) the old man again.
- 4 While we _____ (run) in the park, Mary _____ (fall over).
- 5 At 7.00 Tony _____ (get) out of bed, and _____ (go) into the bathroom.
- 6 While Kate _____ (drink) some milk, she _____ (drop) the glass.
- 7 While I _____ (listen) to music, I _____ (hear) the door.

