

Past Simple and Past Continuous

1. Fill the gaps with the correct Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. Yesterday, she two new pairs of jeans. **(buy)**
2. What you last night? **(do)**
3. Nick across the lake last night. **(swim)**
4. Tom his homework, so the teacher angry. **(not finish / be)**
5. We to Chicago by United Airlines last Easter. **(fly)**
6. The shop many things last year. **(not sell)**
7. you the film on TV last night? **(see)**
8. She to answer the question. **(try)**
9. your brother the exam? **(take)**
10. Nobody the thief yesterday. **(catch)**

2. Look at Jane's diary for yesterday:

7 - 8 a.m.	SHOWER	8 - 9 a.m.	BREAKFAST
9 - 10 a.m.	TRAIN	10 - 11 a.m.	BEACH
11 - midday	ART GALLERY	12 - 1 p.m.	RESTAURANT
1 - 3 p.m.	SHOPPING CENTRE	3 - 5 p.m.	COFFEE SHOP
5 - 7 p.m.	SPORTS CENTRE	7 - 11 p.m.	DISCO

Now complete these sentences with Past Continuous verbs. Use verbs from this list:

buy dance drink eat have look run sit swim travel

1. At 7.10 a.m. she a shower.
2. At 8.17 a.m. she her breakfast.
3. At 9.34 a.m. she to the seaside.
4. At 10.05 a.m. she in the sea.
5. At 11.39 a.m. she at paintings by Picasso.
6. At 12.08 she in the restaurant.
7. At 2 o'clock, she some new jeans.
8. At 4.15 p.m. she her coffee.
9. At 6 o'clock, she a hundred metres.
10. At 9.30 p.m. she with her boyfriend.

3. In each sentence, fill the gaps with one Past Continuous verb and one Past Simple verb.

Use the verbs in brackets.

1. While I for the bus, I my friend Charles. (meet / wait)
2. She dinner when the telephone (cook / ring)
3. It to rain while they in the garden. (sit / begin)
4. While she home, she an accident. (have / drive)
5. While we TV, the cat the dinner. (steal / watch)
6. I a letter when my friend into the room. (write / come)
7. The robber the window while she upstairs. (sleep / break)
8. The computer down while he an email. (break / write)
9. When I Angela, she with her boyfriend. (quarrel / see)
10. While they a video, Mum lunch. (watch / cook)

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| 1. | 1. bought | 2. | 1. was having |
| | 2. did / do | | 2. was eating |
| | 3. swam | | 3. was travelling |
| | 4. didn't finish / was | | 4. was swimming |
| | 5. flew | | 5. was looking |
| | 6. didn't sell | | 6. was sitting |
| | 7. Did / see | | 7. was buying |
| | 8. tried | | 8. was drinking |
| | 9. Did / take | | 9. was running |
| | 10. caught | | 10. was dancing |
| 3. | 1. was waiting / met | | |
| | 2. was cooking / rang | | |
| | 3. began / were sitting | | |
| | 4. was driving / had | | |
| | 5. were watching / stole | | |
| | 6. was writing / came | | |
| | 7. broke / was sleeping | | |
| | 8. broke / was writing | | |
| | 9. saw / was quarrelling | | |
| | 10. were watching / cooked | | |