

Grammar practice – reinforcement. Unit 2

Past simple and past continuous

1 Match sentences 1–4 with their uses a–d.

- 1 While we were singing in our music class, the other class was painting pictures. _____
 - 2 It was a cold and cloudy day in Dublin. _____
 - 3 Finally, I arrived at the top of the mountain and I admired the incredible views. _____
 - 4 When we were sailing, we saw a dolphin in the sea. _____
- a two complete actions, one after the other
 - b a long incomplete action, interrupted by a shorter action
 - c two long incomplete actions happening at the same time
 - d a description of the background context of a story

2 Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 When I *made / was making* a cup of tea, I *dropped / was dropping* the cup.
- 2 They *didn't get / weren't getting* a burger after they *went / were going* to the cinema.
- 3 What *did you do / were you doing* at 7 pm yesterday?
- 4 *Did Liz listen / Was Liz listening* to music, while she *ran / was running* in the park?
- 5 He *got / was getting* home, he *took / was taking* off his coat and boots and he *had / was having* some toast.
- 6 I *didn't think / wasn't thinking* about the party while I *did / was doing* my maths homework.
- 7 Once upon a time, a little girl *went / was going* to visit her grandmother, when she *saw / was seeing* a wolf.
- 8 Frank and I *played / were playing* tennis and then we *went / were going* home.

3 Match the beginnings of the sentences 1–8 with their endings a–h.

- 1 Ben broke his arm ... _____
- 2 While he was travelling around the world, ... _____
- 3 What were the views like ... _____
- 4 I was chopping vegetables when ... _____
- 5 She was presenting the survival show, ... _____
- 6 Kim phoned my house ... _____
- 7 Matt was holding some flowers when ... _____
- 8 I fell asleep ... _____

- a from the top of the mountain?
- b three times yesterday.
- c when he fell off his bike.
- d when she fell in the river.
- e he made friends from different countries.
- f I cut my finger.
- g while I was watching the film.
- h a bee stung him.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 sunburnt / While / I / I / sunbathing / got / was / .

2 they / bed / early / go / last night / Did / to / ?

3 were / last night / They / at 6 pm / dinner / their / eating / .

4 you / watching / What / last night / were / on TV / ?

5 video games / Tom / were / We / arrived / when / playing / .

6 I / skating / broke / I / when / was / my arm / .

Out & About 1

5 Write complete sentences using the prompts given.

1 I felt very nervous before the exam and I / not eat / breakfast.

2 What were you doing while we / research / the project?

3 My dad was buying the newspaper when he / meet / my teacher.

4 I forgot my book and I / not do / my homework.

5 While we were camping, our friends / stay / in a hotel.

6 I went outside with wet hair and then I / get / a cold.

6 Choose the best answers to complete the text.

Last winter my family and I **1** *went / were going* to the mountains. I **2** *didn't spend / wasn't spending* the first day snowboarding because we got there late in the evening. On the second day, the sun was shining. I **3** *wanted / wanted to go* snowboarding. I **4** *got dressed / was getting dressed* and **5** *ate / was eating* my breakfast quickly.

When I arrived on the slopes, the instructor **6** *waited / was waiting* for me. After lunch, I **7** *snowboarded / was snowboarding* on my own. Unfortunately, I **8** *fell / was falling* and hurt my leg. My parents **9** *took / were taking* me to hospital. My broken leg meant that for the rest of the holiday I **10** *didn't snowboard / wasn't snowboarding* again.