

Past continuous; Past simple and past continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these verbs. There is one extra verb.

stay • not work • study • not see • clap • watch

- They literature at university when they met the author.
- They still loudly when the lights came on.
- I the ballet when my phone rang. I was so embarrassed.
- He wrote the bestseller while he in Italy.
- She as an actress when she met the director.

2 Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs given.

It was eight o'clock and we (1) (watch) a film on TV. My sister (2) (talk) but I (3) (not listen) to her. My brother (4) (not watch) the film. He (5) (look) at his phone. In the film, an astronaut and a scientist (6) (try) to fight some aliens. My dad came in and turned the TV off. 'Hey!' we all shouted. 'Oh, sorry. (7) you (watch) that?' he said. My dad is so annoying sometimes!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given. Each sentence should contain one past simple and one past continuous verb.

- The shop assistant to a customer when a police officer the shop. (enter/talk)
- I to feel ill when I to see the dentist. (start/wait)
- They an art exhibition when they a famous actor. (see/visit)
- you to classical music when I to your house? (come/listen)
- you all the firefighters when you to school? (see/walk)

4 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- The composer travelled by train when she had an idea for some new music.
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- I didn't hear the vet because my dog was making a lot of noise.
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- Both actors were working in the theatre while they met the famous film director.
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- While the firefighter was climbing the tree, the cat jumped down.
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- It was a cold day and the police officers walking up and down to keep warm.
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5 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs given.

- They (not talk / while / watch the film).
- My dad (work as a journalist / when / meet / my mum).
- I (see / my favourite singer / while / walk to the shop).
- While Sally (study / get a job as a shop assistant).
- While we (eat in the restaurant / the chef / come to our table).

6 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

eat • give • go • have • have • not ask • not work • play • relax • ring • see

I (1) to the theatre last night. It was very good. The actress who (2) Lady Macbeth was amazing. But while she (3) a big speech, someone's phone (4) It was awful! We (5) dinner after the show in a restaurant near the theatre. While we (6), we (7) some of the actors from the play. They (8) dinner and talking. I (9) for a photo – they (10), they (11) and I didn't want to interrupt them.