

past simple & past continuous

1. Complete the sentences with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Continuous** forms of the verbs in brackets.
 - a. **Were** you **watching** (watch) the football match on TV when I **phoned** (phone)?
 - b. The teachers _____ (speak) when you _____ (arrive) to school.
 - c. We _____ (not like) the movie. It was boring.
 - d. I _____ (not listen) to music last night. I _____ (study) Chemistry.
 - e. She _____ (have) a shower when you _____ (knock) at the door.
 - f. They _____ (not go) to the theatre last month. The tickets were all sold.
 - g. While Chris and Jane _____ (travel) on Saturday, we _____ (prepare) the party for their arrival.
 - h. The children _____ (sing) some songs last week, at the Christmas Festival.
 - i. Yesterday, I _____ (hear) a strange noise while I _____ (put on) my pyjamas.
 - j. We _____ (write) notes in class, when the Headmaster _____ (come) in.
 - k. What _____ you _____ (do) last Tuesday at 11 p.m.?
2. Underline the correct answer.
 - a. While my mother [cooked / **was cooking**], she [watched / **was watching**] TV.
 - b. We [slept / were sleeping] in our bedrooms at 6 o'clock.
 - c. The boys [played / were playing] baseball when it [started / was starting] to rain.
 - d. My cousin [had / was having] dinner when the telephone [rang / was ringing].
 - e. When I [got / was getting] up, my father [read / was reading] the newspaper.
 - f. Emilio [fell / was falling] when he [painted / was painting] the wall.
 - g. The doctor [examined / was examining] my eyesight yesterday.
3. Complete the following text with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Continuous** forms of the verbs in brackets.

I **was** (be) with some friends and we _____ (run) in a race. It was a marathon. There _____ (be) hundreds of runners around us, men and women, and it _____ (be) extremely hot. As we _____ (cross) a bridge over a river, I suddenly _____ (notice) that everyone in the race _____ (have) the same face, even my friends! They were all the same person! I _____ (want) to stop, but there _____ (be) so many people behind me that I _____ (have to) keep running. Then I _____ (wake up) screaming.