

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Choose the right answer

1. When Peter arrived I ____ a programme about deserts.
 - a) were watching
 - b) was watching
 - c) watch
2. You ____ in the park when you ____ her.
 - a) walked /were meeting
 - b) walked / didn't met
 - c) were walking / met
3. ____ your mum ____ last Thursday?
 - a) Did / was working
 - b) Was working / during
 - c) Was / working
4. Dorothy ____ when I arrived. She was so tired.
 - a) was sleeping
 - b) sleeps
 - c) was slept
5. ____ a strange object outside. It ____ a lot of noise.
 - a) There was / was making
 - b) There were being / maked
 - c) There're / was making
6. What movie ____ you ____ on TV when I called you?
 - a) did / watch
 - b) were / watching
 - c) did / watched
7. He ____ me all the day and I finally ____ him.
 - a) was texting / phoned
 - b) texted / was phoning
 - c) was texting / was phoning

Exercise 2: Make negative sentences using past continuous

1. (Mrs. Brown / not / walk in the garden when the accident happened)

2. (Dr. Ford / not / read in his office when the nurse came in)

3. (Mr. and Mrs. Green / not / eat in the dining room when their son got home)

4. (Mr. Blue / not / drink coffee in the kitchen when I arrived)

5. (the maid / not / clean the bedrooms when the fire started)

6. (I / not / listen to music when you phoned me)

7. (the dogs / not / play outside when the children came home from school)

Exercise 3: Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Continuous).

1. We (wait) for Jane, when suddenly Louis (come) around the corner.

2. I (cycle) through the park, when I (hear) a strange noise.

3. He (pass) her a message when the teacher (look / not) .

4. I (fall) asleep while I (watch) TV last night.

5. When Mike and Jane (paint) the walls, their dog (knock) over the paint pot.

6. Tom (break) his leg when he (play) frisbee.

7. The phone (ring) when I (sit) on the toilet.

**Exercise 4: Put the verbs into the correct tense
(Simple Past or Past Continuous).**

1. While Tom (read) , Amely (watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin (come) home, (switch) on the computer
and (check) his emails.
3. The thief (break) into the house, (steal) the jewels
and (leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody (listen) while the teacher (explain) the tenses.
5. While we (do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends (lie) on the beach.
6. He (wake) up and (look) at his watch.

Exercise 1:

1. b)
2. c)
3. c)
4. a)
5. a)
6. b)
7. a)

Exercise 2:

1. Mrs. Brown wasn't walking in the garden.
2. Dr. Ford wasn't reading in his office.
3. Mr and Mrs Green weren't eating in the dining room.
4. Mr. Blue wasn't drinking coffee in the library.
5. The maid wasn't cleaning the bedrooms.
6. I wasn't listening to music.
7. The dogs weren't playing outside.

Exercise 3

1. We **were waiting** for Jane, when suddenly Louis **came** around the corner.
2. I **was cycling** through the park, when I **heard** a strange noise.
3. He **passed** her a message when the teacher **was not looking**.
4. I **fell** asleep while I **was watching** TV last night.
5. When Mike and Jane **were painting** the walls, their dog **knocked** over the paint pot.
6. Tom **broke** his leg when he **was playing** frisbee.
7. The phone **rang** when I **was sitting** on the toilet.

Exercise 4:

1. While Tom **was reading**, Amely **was watching** a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin **came** home, **switched** on the computer and **checked** his emails.
3. The thief **broke** into the house, **stole** the jewels and **left** without a trace.
4. Nobody **was listening** while the teacher **was explaining** the tenses.
5. While we **were doing** a sight-seeing tour, our friends **were lying** on the beach.
6. He **woke up** and **looked** at his watch.