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| **Grammar revision:**  **Past simple and Past continuous** |

1. **Choose the correct form to complete the sentences.**
2. I dropped/was dropping my keys while I ran/was running for the bus.
3. The film was rubbish, so we left/were leaving the cinema and went/were going to the cybercafé.
4. Dave rang/was ringing me while I did/was doing my homework.
5. As I fell/was falling asleep, I heard/was hearing a strange noise.
6. I didn’t like/wasn’t liking the program we watched/were watching, so I turned/was turning off the TV.
7. My parents were still up when I got/was getting home. Dad read/was reading a book and mum talked/was talking to her sister on the phone.
8. The competition judges didn’t know/weren’t knowing whose food they tasted/were tasting.
9. **Match the beginnings (1-7) with the endings (a-g). Then complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.**
10. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (climb) down the side of a building
11. The sun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shine) brightly
12. The hot water tank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (explode)
13. When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the concert
14. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not know) that my friends
15. While you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the beach
16. Last year, Simon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (give up) painting
17. while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower.
18. the band \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) my favourite song.
19. when suddenly the rope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break).
20. and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take up) sculpture instead.
21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) a surprise party for me.
22. when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get up) this morning.
23. we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) for our exams!
24. **Complete the texts with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

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| When I 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the party, it 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) already packed with people. Some of them 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance) and others 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (chat). When I realized that no one 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pay) any attention to me I 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (decided) to go home. But just as I 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the party a beautiful blonde girl 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through the door and 9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (smile) at me. |

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| When I 18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) up this morning, the sun 19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shine), so I decided to go for a long walk. About half way through the walk, it suddenly 20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to pour rain.  Unfortunately, 21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not wear) a coat, so I 22) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) completely soaked. |

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| Last night I 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed early because I 11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) really tired. But I 12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not can) sleep because my family 13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) so much noise. My little brother 14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) his trumpet and, my dad 15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) the TV on really loud. So I 16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) out of bed and 17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) onto the internet for an hour or so. |

1. **Complete the email with the past simple or past continuous of these verbs. You will need to use some verbs more than once.**

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| decide get give go happen not hurt play try want |

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| Last weekend Ben and I visited that new leisure center that everyone is talking about. We 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the ice-skating rink first. Ben slipped a few times while he 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do acrobatic tricks, but luckily he 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself. After that, we went to the main hall to see what 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there. On one side of the hall a rock band 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while on the other side some skateboarders 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a display. The Skateboarders were fantastic so we 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to stay and watch them.  After the exhibition, we both 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go to the shops  inside the centre. But it was nearly rush hour and the shops 9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really crowded so we 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the multiplex cinema to see The Illusionist. What a fantastic film! |

1. **Complete the interview with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

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| **Happy Couple −popular across and happy couple**  **Daniel and Jane Brown answer your questions.** |
| **ZeroZero:** How 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/get) to know each other?  2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/work) as actor at the time?  **Daniel:** We 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at university where we 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (both/study) drama.  Jane 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (already/perform) with a street theatre company, but I hadn’t done any proper acting. In fact 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (think) about giving up drama completely because I 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not like) performing in a closed theatre in front of hundreds of people. Luckily, Jane 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (convince) me to try open-air theatre,  and I 9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) an audition with the theatre company she 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) with then.  **Gogo 7:**11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/have) any financial problems at the  beginning of your career?  **Jane:** Of course we did. When we 12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (act) in London with a small street theatre group, we 13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not have) enough money to pay the rent! Our big break14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(came)when we 15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (perform) at a wedding. A member of Street Art 16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) us perform and invited us to join his group. |

1. **Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between two and five words,**
2. I didn’t understand his explanations. WAS

I didn’t know what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about.

1. He started painting in 2002. NOT

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until 2002.

1. He didn’t answer the phone during dinner WHILE

He didn’t answer the phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

1. The trip was too expensive for me. ENOUGH

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go on the trip.

1. Why weren’t they speaking to each other? STOP

Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to each other?

1. I went for a run this morning despite the heavy rain. HEAVILY

I went for a run even though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this morning.

1. He said he wanted a job. LOOKING

He said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a job.

1. I saw her on my way to the ice-skating rink. AS

I saw her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the ice-skating rink.

**Key:**

1. 1.dropped, was running 2. left, went 3.rang, was doing

4.was falling, heard 5.didn’t like, were watching, turned

6.got, was reading, was talking 7.didn’t know, were tasting

1. 1C - was climbing, broke

2G - was shining, got up

3A - exploded, was having

4B – got, was/were playing

5E – didn’t know, were preparing

6G – were lying, were studying

7D – gave up, took up

1. 1.arrived 2.was 3.were dancing 4.were chatting 5. was playing

6.decided 7. was leaving 8.walked 9.smile 10.went 11.was feeling

12.couldn’t 13.were making 14.was playing 15.had 16.got 17.went

18.got up 19.was shining 20.started 21.wasn’t wearing 22.got

1. 1.went 2.was trying 3.didn’t hurt 4.was happening

5.was playing 6.were giving 7.decided 8.wanted 9.were getting

10.went

1. 1.did you get 2.were you working 3.met 4.were both studying

5.was already performing 6.was thinking 7.didn’t like 8.convinced

9.got 10.was working 11.did you have 12.were acting 13.didn’t have

14.came 15.performed/were performing 16.saw

1. 1.he was talking 2.didn’t start painting 3. While he was having

4.didn’t have enough 5.did they stop/had they stopped speaking

6.it was raining heavily 7.he was looking for 8. as I was going