

## Past simple and continuous tense

### A) *Underline the correct tense.*

As the stranger came/was coming to the station, a car stopped/was stopping behind him.

My grandma never watched/was never watching TV. But she read/was reading books.

When did you start/were you starting work?  
I started/was starting at 6 o'clock.

He got up/was getting up and switched off/was switching off the light.

When I finished/was finishing my homework, I cooked/was cooking dinner.

While we listened/were listening to the news, the telephone rang/was ringing. Kate stood up/was standing up and answered/was answering it.

As I drove/was driving to work last Friday, a car crashed/was crashing in front of me.

What did you do/were you doing when you saw/were seeing it?

I stepped/was stepping on the brakes.

Yesterday Carrol wrote/was writing letters from 10 to 11 and then from 5 to 7 again.

We arrived in Cannes at 2.30. The sun shone/was shining, people sunbathed/were sunbathing on the beach and big yachts sailed/were sailing near the harbour. We parked our car and went/were going to the beach.

### B) *Make questions first and then negatives.*

Př. We heard a car outside the house.

- a) Did you hear a car outside the house?
- b) We didn't hear a car outside the house.

My neighbour lost her purse.

- a) .....
- b) .....

I rode slowly.

- a) .....
- b) .....

He was making a lot of noise at midnight.

- a) .....
- b) .....

They came early.

- a) .....
- b) .....

His sisters were sitting at the table.

- a) .....
- b) .....

We ran away.

- a) .....
- b) .....

The sun set at 7.45.

- a) .....
- b) .....

It was getting dark at 7.

- a) .....
- b) .....

I was talking to Tim the other day.

- a) .....
- b) .....

We were listening to the radio from 5 to 6.

- a) .....
- b) .....

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## Key to exercises

### A

was coming - stopped  
watched - read  
did you start - started  
got up - switched off  
finished - cooked  
were listening - rang - stood up  
- answered  
was driving - crashed - did you do  
- saw - stepped  
wrote  
was shining - were sunbathing  
- were sailing - went

### B

Did your neighbour lose ... ?  
My neighbour didn't lose  
Did you ride slowly?  
I didn't ride slowly.  
Was he making ... ?  
He wasn't making ...  
Did they come early?  
They didn't come early.  
Were his sisters sitting ... ?  
His sisters weren't sitting ...  
Did you run away?  
We didn't run away.  
Did the sun set ... ?  
It didn't set ...  
Was it getting ... ?  
It wasn't getting ...  
Were you talking ... ?  
I wasn't talking ...  
Were you listening ... ?  
We weren't listening ...