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Past simple Past continuous Worksheets

Affirmative

Past simple and past continuous affirmative

Exercise 1. Choose 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.

I *started* | *was starting* work 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. I *stepped* | *was stepping* on the brakes.

Yesterday Carrol *wrote* | *was writing* emails 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.

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Answer key

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Exercise 2. Find mistakes and correct them. _____

I was doing my homework first and then I had a rest.

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My mum was often driving our car when she was younger.

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While daddy didn't look, Susan put his key in her pocket.

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I needed to talk to her. And at 10 I was calling her.

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I saw you with Jill at the cafe. You talked.

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Your English is very good. Where were you studying?

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As they walked along the river, they saw something in the water.

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I was taking her to Dover. We had a great time.

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The weather was perfect when the sun was shining. But it was changing soon.

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When he met her, she wore a hat.

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Answer key

I *did* my homework first and then I had a rest.

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While daddy *was not (wasn't) looking*, Susan put his key in her pocket.

I needed to talk to her. And at 10 I *called* her.

I saw you with Jill at the cafe. You *were talking*.

Your English is very good. Where *did you study*?

As they *were walking* along the river, they saw something in the water.

I *took* her to Dover. We had a great time.

The weather was perfect when the sun was shining. But it *changed* soon.

When he met her, she *was wearing* a hat.