

Past simple and continuous: worksheet 1 - affirmative

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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.