

# Past simple and past continuous: exercise 1

## Affirmative

Choose the correct tense. \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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# Key with answers

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