

Lesson 3



Grammar Link

Past Simple & Past Continuous

5 Match the sentences (1-5) with a-e and write sentences.



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| 1. I was ironing my T-shirt | a. while we were fighting. |
| 2. Dad was sleeping and | b. she saw her best friend. |
| 3. Sophie took a photo of us | c. when I burnt my finger. |
| 4. She was waiting for the bus when | d. mum was reading the newspaper. |
| 5. Mr. Dudney helped the fire fighters | e. and saved the trapped kids. |



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6 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.



1. *When* the teacher got into the classroom, we were writing on the blackboard.
2. .. *While* Mum was cooking, I was talking on the phone.
3. We were really sorry ... *when* we heard about your accident.
4. *While* we were having breakfast, the hurricane hit our town.
5. The children were tidying their rooms *when* their mum came home.
6. Vicky was wearing a red dress .. *when* we saw her last night.
7. *While* we were playing basketball, I hurt my leg.

7 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.



1. Jimmy and Tim *were listening*.... (listen) to music when Mum ... *called*..... (call).
2. She *was working*..... (work) on her computer when it .. *crashed*..... (crash).
3. While Paul ... *was surfing*..... (surf) the Internet, the lights .. *went*..... (go) off.

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We survived the tsunami!

4. I ... **was cutting** (cut) the grass when my aunt **came** (come)
5. When Anna ... **arrived** (arrive), the baby ... **was crying** (cry).
6. Nigel ... **broke** (break) his leg while he ... **was skiing** (ski).
7. They ... **were taking** (take) a test when the headmaster ... **entered**
(enter) the classroom

8 Complete the text with Past Simple or Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.



You'll never believe what happened to us the other day! While my brother and I **were watching**
(¹watch) TV, we **saw** (²see) a tiny grey mouse running across the room. We
panicked (³panic) and **screamed**
(⁴scream). Our parents **weren't** (⁵not be) at home and we **had** (⁶have) to do something quickly. We **closed** (⁷close) the doors and **trapped**
(⁸trap) the mouse in the living room. While my brother **was looking** (⁹look) for the mouse under the sofa, I got a basket and **waited** (¹⁰wait). A few minutes later we **saw** (¹¹see) its little tail behind the coffee table. 'Now we'll get you!' said my brother. The mouse **was** (¹²be) scared and **didn't know** (¹³not know) where to go. When it **got** (¹⁴get) out of its shelter, I **threw** (¹⁵throw) the basket over it and luckily we **trapped** (¹⁶trap) it. But it **was** (¹⁷be) so cute that we **didn't want** (¹⁸not want) to kill it. So we **decided** (¹⁹decide) to take it to the nearest field and set it free. You just can't imagine how fast it **disappeared** (²⁰disappear). That was quite an adventure for it, wasn't it?