



PAST SIMPLE PAST CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1:

Complete the following sentences with the correct form (Past Simple or Past Continuous).

1. A: What (you, do) _____ when you heard that noise?

B: I (try) _____ to change a light bulb that had burnt out.

2. After I (find) _____ the wallet full of money, I (go, immediately) _____ to the police and (turn) _____ it in.

3. The doctor (say) _____ that Brian (be) _____ too weak to go to work and that he (need) _____ to stay at home for a couple of days.

4. My best friend (arrive) _____ at my house a little before 9:00 pm, but I (be, not) _____ there. I (study) _____ at the library for my final examination in Italian.

5. John is in the living room working on his computer. At this time yesterday, he (work, also) _____ on his computer. That's all he ever does!

6. A: I (call) _____ you last night after dinner, but you (be, not) _____ there. Where were you?

B: I (work) _____ out at the gym.

7. When I (walk) _____ into the busy office, the secretaries (talk) _____ on the phone with customers, a clerk (work, busily) _____ at his desk, and two managers (discuss, quietly) _____ methods to improve customer service.

