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| **Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Past** | | |
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| **FORM:** | **Past Continuous:**  **“to be” (simple past) + “ing”** |  |
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| **USE:** | Use **Simple Past** tense for finished actions and **Past Continuous** for actions that were happening (not finished) at a specific time, or combined with another action introduced by “when” or “while”. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *I was sleeping at 8:00. When he arrived home, he woke me up.* | |

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| *Supply the PAST TENSE or the PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE form of the verbs as required by the meaning.* |

1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(practice) the piano last night.
2. While she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(practice) the piano, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sprain) her wrist.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) Pam while we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(walk) home yesterday.
4. They\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(take) the subway home last evening.
5. While Beth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(dance) in the show last week, the strap of her costume \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break).
6. We\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(dance) all night at the disco last weekend.
7. Mat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cook) dinner when his wife arrived.
8. What time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(arrive) at the office this morning?
9. While they\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sleep) soundly, a burglar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(steal) their TV.
10. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(build) a new house last year.
11. While he\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(eat) his soup, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) a hair in it.
12. After looking for 20 minutes, Dan finally\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(find) his keys under the sofa.
13. As Joe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(swim) in the pool yesterday afternoon, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) a cramp in his leg.
14. Karen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(swim) 40 laps before work this morning.
15. Peter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(draw) a beautiful picture for his mother’s birthday last week.
16. While Mike and his brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) a drink yesterday afternoon, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about their problems.
17. As Sandra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(lie) on the beach, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) the man of her dreams.
18. I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(meet) my friend Nancy at the shopping mall yesterday.
19. While she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(shut) down her computer, the system \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (crash).
20. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fall) while he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(run) in the marathon.
21. Tim\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(jog) at 5:15 this morning.
22. Kim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (answer) all her e-mails before she left for the day.
23. Gloria\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(spill) the milk as she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feed) the baby.