

Past Continuous Worksheet 2 – ANSWERS

Exercise 1: Conversation Completion – Past Continuous vs. Past Simple (Answers)

Sarah: Hi John! What **were you doing** (you/do) last night around 8 p.m.?

John: Oh, I **was watching** (watch) a movie when my sister **called** (call) me.

Sarah: Really? I **tried** (try) to call you, but you **didn't answer** (not answer) your phone.

John: Sorry about that! My phone **didn't ring** (not ring), maybe there was a problem.

Sarah: No worries! What movie **were you watching** (you/watch)?

John: I **was watching** (watch) a comedy, but then my dad **changed** (change) the channel!

Sarah: Oh no! What **did you do** (you/do) then?

John: I **went** (go) to my room and **read** (read) a book instead.

Key Takeaways:

- Use **Past Continuous** (*was/were + verb-ing*) for **ongoing actions in the past**.
- Use **Past Simple** for **completed actions** that **interrupt an ongoing action** (e.g., "*while I was watching TV, my sister called.*").

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice – Past Continuous, Past Simple, or Present Perfect (Answers)

1. She **was sleeping** when I arrived. (b) *was sleeping*
 - (*Past Continuous for an ongoing action interrupted by Past Simple "arrived."*)
2. They **have never seen** that film before. (c) *have never seen*
 - (*Present Perfect for experience; "never" suggests an action until now.*)
3. While we **were walking** in the park, we saw a dog. (b) *were walking*

- *(Past Continuous for an ongoing action, interrupted by Past Simple "saw.")*
- 4. I **haven't finished** my homework yet. (a) *haven't finished*
 - *(Present Perfect with "yet" because the action is relevant to now.)*
- 5. He **fell** asleep while he was watching TV. (a) *fell*
 - *(Past Simple for completed action; "was watching" is background action.)*
- 6. My mother **was working** when I got home. (b) *was working*
 - *(Past Continuous for an ongoing action interrupted by "got home.")*
- 7. I **broke** my phone yesterday! (a) *broke*
 - *(Past Simple for a completed action with a past time reference "yesterday.")*
- 8. He **has never been** to Japan before. (b) *has never been*
 - *(Present Perfect for life experience "never before.")*
- 9. When I called, she **was cooking** dinner. (b) *was cooking*
 - *(Past Continuous for an action happening at the moment of interruption.)*
- 10. We **have lived** in this city since 2010. (b) *have lived*
 - *(Present Perfect for an action that started in the past and continues now.)*

Key Takeaways:

- **Past Continuous** for **ongoing past actions** interrupted by **Past Simple**.
- **Present Perfect** for **experiences** and **actions continuing up to now**.
- **Past Simple** for **completed past actions** with a specific time (*yesterday, last week, etc.*).