Past simple e past continuous

5 esercizi · livello A2–B2 (indicativo, QCER) · soluzioni su un foglio separato

Nome _____ Classe _____ Data _____

1. Azione lunga, azione breve A2

Scegli la forma giusta: l'azione in corso va al past continuous, l'azione breve e conclusa al past simple.

1. I _____ my bike to school when it suddenly started to hail, so I stopped under a bridge.
   ☐ rode ☐ was riding ☐ were riding
2. Mum _____ her phone into the soup while she was cooking.
   ☐ dropped ☐ was dropping ☐ drop
3. We _____ dinner when the lights suddenly went out, so we finished it by candlelight.
   ☐ had ☐ was having ☐ were having
4. Luca _____ a goal while his parents were watching from the stands.
   ☐ was scoring ☐ scored ☐ were scoring
5. When I got to the office, my colleagues _____ about the new manager.
   ☐ already talked ☐ was already talking ☐ were already talking
6. Why _____ at me like that during the meeting?
   ☐ were you staring ☐ you were staring ☐ was you staring
7. While Elena was waiting for the bus, she _____ a message from her boss.
   ☐ got ☐ was getting ☐ get
8. The kids _____ in the garden when a thunderstorm started, so they ran inside.
   ☐ played ☐ were playing ☐ was playing
9. I _____ my keys while I was jogging in the park.
   ☐ was losing ☐ were losing ☐ lost
10. The baby _____ peacefully when the dog started barking and woke her up.
    ☐ slept ☐ was sleeping ☐ were sleeping

2. Due verbi, due tempi B1

Metti ogni verbo tra parentesi al past simple o al past continuous; *not* indica una frase negativa.

1. I _____ (walk) through the park when I _____ (find) a wallet on a bench.
2. Chiara _____ (do) her homework when her little brother _____ (spill) juice all over her notes.
3. When the phone _____ (ring), I _____ (answer) it immediately.
4. We _____ (drive) along the coast when we _____ (notice) a strange noise coming from the engine.

5. The first guest _____ (arrive) half an hour early, while I _____ (still / get) ready.
6. Sam _____ (not / hear) the announcement because he _____ (listen) to a podcast.
7. When I _____ (open) the curtains, the sun _____ (already / shine) and the birds were singing.
8. Anna _____ (wash) up when a glass _____ (slip) out of her hands.
9. As soon as we _____ (get) to the beach, it _____ (start) to rain.
10. At that moment I _____ (realise) that everyone _____ (stare) at me.

3. Past simple o past continuous? B1

Scegli il tempo giusto. Leggi tutta la frase: è il contesto a decidere.

1. First Paolo locked the door, then he _____ the key under the mat.
   ☐ was hiding ☐ hid
2. At midnight the party was still going on: people _____ and singing in the garden.
   ☐ were dancing ☐ danced
3. I _____ who that man was, so I asked my colleague.
   ☐ wasn't knowing ☐ didn't know
4. When the film ended, we _____ up and went home.
   ☐ got ☐ were getting
5. This time yesterday I _____ on a beach in Sicily – and now I'm back at my desk!
   ☐ was lying ☐ lay
6. I couldn't answer the phone because I _____ a cake and my hands were covered in flour.
   ☐ made ☐ was making
7. We _____ the match on TV when the power went off, so we never found out who won.
   ☐ were watching ☐ watched
8. When I was little, my dad _____ me to school every morning and then went to work.
   ☐ was walking ☐ walked
9. The house _____ so quiet that I could hear the clock ticking.
   ☐ seemed ☐ was seeming
10. I _____ my essay at eleven and went straight to bed.
    ☐ was finishing ☐ finished

4. Costruisci la frase B2

Costruisci una sola frase con le parole date, nell'ordine dato: il segno + separa le parti. Metti ogni verbo al past simple o al past continuous e scrivi la frase completa.

1. we / have lunch in the garden + when + a wasp / land on my plate

   → AFFERMATIVA _____

2. when + the alarm / go off + I / still / dream

   → AFFERMATIVA _____

3. as soon as + the lesson / end + the students / rush out of the classroom

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

4. Paola / wait for the tram + when + she / see an old friend across the road

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

5. I / not hear the doorbell + because + I / dry my hair

→ **NEGATIVA** _____

6. it / still / rain + when + we / reach the campsite

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

7. the kids / play football in the square + when + a TV crew / arrive

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

8. while + we / queue for the museum + it / start to rain

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

9. Sara / watch a documentary + when + she / fall asleep

→ **AFFERMATIVA** _____

10. I / not know anyone at the party + so + I / leave early

→ **NEGATIVA** _____

5. Trova il tempo sbagliato B2

In ogni frase c'è un errore di tempo verbale. Tocca la parte sbagliata e correggila con il past simple o il past continuous, senza cambiare il significato della frase.

1. While I was cycling to work, I was seeing a fox in the middle of the road.

CORREZIONE _____

2. When the guests arrived, we still cooked the main course.

CORREZIONE _____

3. I was knowing the way, so I didn't need a map.

CORREZIONE _____

4. As soon as the bell was ringing, everyone ran outside.

CORREZIONE _____

5. We walked along the river when it suddenly started to pour with rain.

CORREZIONE _____

6. I was dropping my glasses while I was getting off the train.

CORREZIONE _____

7. What did you do when I called you this morning? You sounded out of breath.

CORREZIONE _____

8. Fabio was getting up, had a quick coffee and left for the airport.

CORREZIONE _____

9. It was a foggy night. Suddenly a car was stopping outside our house.

CORREZIONE _____

10. The flat was seeming perfect, so we signed the contract the same day.

CORREZIONE _____

Soluzioni

Past simple e past continuous

1. Azione lunga, azione breve

1. **was riding**
2. **dropped**
3. **were having**
4. **scored**
5. **were already talking**
6. **were you staring**
7. **got**
8. **were playing**
9. **lost**
10. **was sleeping**

2. Due verbi, due tempi

1. **was walking … found**
2. **was doing … spilt** (anche spilled)
3. **rang … answered**
4. **were driving … noticed**
5. **arrived … was still getting**
6. **did not hear … was listening**
7. **opened … was already shining** (anche was shining already)
8. **was washing … slipped**
9. **got … started**
10. **realised … was staring**

3. Past simple o past continuous?

1. **hid**
2. **were dancing**
3. **didn't know**
4. **got**
5. **was lying**
6. **was making**
7. **were watching**
8. **walked**
9. **seemed**
10. **finished**

4. Costruisci la frase

1. **We were having lunch in the garden when a wasp landed on my plate.**
2. **When the alarm went off, I was still dreaming.**
3. **As soon as the lesson ended, the students rushed out of the classroom.**
4. **Paola was waiting for the tram when she saw an old friend across the road.**
5. **I did not hear the doorbell because I was drying my hair.**
6. **It was still raining when we reached the campsite.**
7. **The kids were playing football in the square when a TV crew arrived.**
8. **While we were queuing for the museum, it started to rain.** (anche While we were queueing for the museum, it started to rain., While we queued for the museum, it started to rain.)
9. **Sara was watching a documentary when she fell asleep.**
10. **I did not know anyone at the party, so I left early.**

5. Trova il tempo sbagliato

1. **was seeing → saw**
2. **still cooked → were still cooking**
3. **was knowing → knew** (anche did know)
4. **was ringing, → rang**
5. **walked → were walking**
6. **was dropping → dropped**
7. **did you do → were you doing**
8. **was getting up, → got up**
9. **was stopping → stopped**
10. **was seeming → seemed** (anche looked)

Valgono anche le forme contratte ed estese equivalenti: *don't* = *do not*, *isn't* = *is not*. Spiegazioni di ogni risposta su inglesechiaro.com/past-simple-past-continuous/