

## Exercises

**6.1** What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

1 (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) I was having dinner.

2 (at 5 o'clock last Monday) I was on a bus on my way home.

3 (at 10.15 yesterday morning) \_\_\_\_\_

4 (at 4.30 this morning) \_\_\_\_\_

5 (at 7.45 yesterday evening) \_\_\_\_\_

6 (half an hour ago) \_\_\_\_\_

**6.2** Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

1 Matt phoned while we were having dinner.

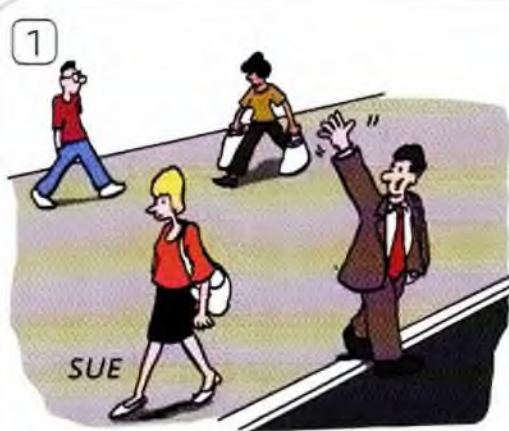
2 The doorbell rang while I \_\_\_\_\_

3 The car began to make a strange noise when we \_\_\_\_\_

4 Jessica fell asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_

5 The television was on, but nobody \_\_\_\_\_

**6.3** Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

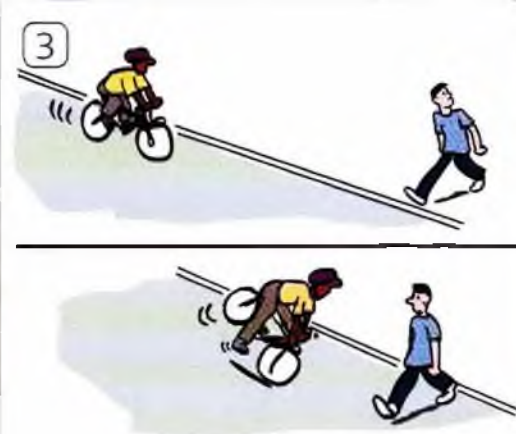


1 I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) me.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (look) the other way.



2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Paris and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Rome. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a chat while we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for our flights.



3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) home yesterday when a man \_\_\_\_\_ (step) out into the road in front of me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) quite fast, but luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to stop in time and \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hit) him.

**6.4** Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).

2 'What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'

3 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'

4 How fast \_\_\_\_\_ (you / drive) when the accident (happen)?

5 Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a picture of me while I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / look).

6 We were in a very difficult position. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / know) what to do.

7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job.

8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me. I was scared and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to run.

9 When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a pilot.

10 Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a plate when I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it \_\_\_\_\_ (not / break).