

REVISION EXERCISES:

1. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION.

- I *lived / was living* in France when I was a child.
- Sue *lived / was living* in France when her uncle died.
- At 6:15, when you phoned, I *had / was having* a shower.
- We *didn't watch / weren't watching* TV yesterday.
- Bill *watched / was watching* TV when Ann came in.
- My father *worked / was working* in Italy when I was born.
- They got married while they *studied / were studying* at London University.
- Yesterday we *drove / were driving* from Oxford to Edinburgh and back. We got home late.
- It was a nice evening, so she *walked / was walking* home from work.

2. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. USE THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

- While I _____ down the road, I _____ Bill. (Walk/see).
- While I _____ the newspaper, the cat _____ on the table (read; jump).
- Alan _____ Helen while he _____ in Morocco (meet; travel)
- Sally _____ her leg while she _____ (break/ski).
- While I _____, somebody _____ my car (shop/steal).

3. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- When I went out, It _____ (rain).
- When we asked, they _____ -"no". (say).
- When Mary got home, she _____ tea. (make).
- When I walked in, they _____ (talk).
- When I saw John, he _____ (shop).
- When I dropped the glass, it _____ (break).
- When John saw me, he _____ (stop).
- When I phoned him, he _____ (work).

4. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. WRITE SENTENCES.

- The police/not arrive/while/I/have/breakfast.
- The storm/not start/while/they/drive/home.
- I/see/an accident/while/I/wait/for the bus.
- Mary/go/to several concerts/while/she/stay/in London?
- I/not have/breakfast/when/the police/arrive.
- Your father/ cook/the dinner/when/he/burn/his fingers?
- The soldiers/prepare/to leave/ when/the bomb/explode.

5. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. COMPLETE THE TEXT.

- Beethoven _____ (write) nine symphonies: he _____ (write) another symphony when he died.
- Last Saturday Tom wanted to make two salads. He _____ (make) the first one in 5 minutes. He _____ (make) the second one when his guests _____ (arrive), and they _____ (help) him to finish it.

- The artist Gaudí _____ (design) several houses in Barcelona. Later, he _____ (start) to work in a church. He _____ (work) on the church when he _____ (die).
- Last month a bank robber _____ (escape) while the police _____ (take) him to prison. Later, they _____ (catch) him again, and this time they _____ (lock) him up without any problem.
- Philip's football team were lucky last Saturday. After 20 minutes they _____ (lose), but in the end they _____ (win) the game by 4 goals to 2.
- John Lennon _____ (sing) and _____ (play) on many records with The Beatles. After that he _____ (record) several songs without the Beatles. He _____ (prepare) a new record when Mark Chapman _____ (shoot) him.
- The evening was getting darker, the street lights _____ (come) on. People _____ (hurry) home after work. I _____ (stand) in a queue at the bus stop. Suddenly somebody _____ (grab) my bag.

6. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- Jane _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).
- What _____ (you/do) this time yesterday? I was asleep.
- _____ (you/go) out last night? No, I was too tired.
- Was Carol at the party last night? Yes, she _____ (wear) a really nice dress.
- How fast _____ (you/drive) when the accident _____ (happen)?
- John _____ (take) a photograph of me while I _____ (not look).
- We were in a very difficult position. We _____ (not/know) what to do.
- I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last _____ (see) him, he _____ (try) to find a job in London.
- I _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was frightened and I _____ (start) to run.
- When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a bus driver.

7. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. COMPLETE THE CONVERSATIONS.

- What _____ (you/do) when the accident _____ (happen)? I _____ (be) at the bus-stop. I _____ (wait) for a bus. _____ (you/see) the accident? No, because I _____ (read) the newspaper.
- I _____ (telephone) you at 9:00 o'clock last night but you were not at home. 9.00 o'clock? I _____ (sit) in a café, _____ (drink) hot chocolate. _____ (be) Jane with you? No, she _____ (work) in the library. Where _____ (you/go) after the café? I _____ (go) home.
- Oh no! My beautiful new plate. What happened? I'm really sorry, Mum. I _____ (break) it when I _____ (wash) it. How? My hands _____ (be) wet and I _____ (drop) it on the floor.
- _____ yesterday's exam (be) difficult? No, not really, but I _____ (not/write) very much. Why not? Because I _____ (dream) about my holidays.
- There _____ (be) a crash outside my house yesterday. What _____ (happen)? I don't know. It _____ (rain) but the drivers _____ (not/go) fast. Were they hurt? One man _____ (break) his arm and the other man _____ (cut) his leg.
- Pardon? I didn't hear you. Could you repeat that, please? I _____ (not/talk) to you. Who _____ (you/talk) to? Sarah. Oh, sorry.

8. SIMPLE PAST-PAST CONTINUOUS. TRANSLATE.

- ¿Qué estabais haciendo en el cine por la mañana?
- ¿Hizo los deberes ayer?
- ¿Dónde estuvieron trabajando mientras tú cocinabas?
- ¿Estaban desayunando o estaban comiendo?
- ¿Por qué compraste zapatos amarillos?