

Past Progressive vs Simple Past

Past progressive

Past progressive is used when you want to talk about a specific moment in the past.

-EXAMPLE-

I **was playing** cards yesterday at 12:00 pm.

Past progressive key words: Yesterday at XX:XX, on (XX month) last year, etc.

Simple Past

Simple past is used when you want to talk about the past in general.

-EXAMPLE-

I **played** cards yesterday.

Simple past key words: yesterday, last year, last month, last vacation...

I. Choose the correct option:

- 1) Suzanne ____ to school when it began to rain. She got very wet.
a) walked b) was walking
 - 2) Ferris ____ English for two hours last night because he had a test today.
a) studied b) was studying.
 - 3) My friend lives in Korea, but he ____ California when I met him.
a) visited b) was visiting
 - 4) Lee ____ from Korea. His hometown is Seoul.
a) came b) was coming
 - 5) ____ you ____ a new notebook?
a) Did...buy b) Were...buying
 - 6) ____ you ____ to the store when the accident happened?
a) Did...go b) Were...going
 - 7) Sylvia and Mary ____ friends. They liked to go shopping at the mall together.
a) were b) were being
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- 8) One day, they ____ lunch at the mall when they saw a thief.
a) were eating b) ate
- 9) The thief ____ into a woman's purse when Sylvia screamed and pointed at him.
a) was reaching b) reached
- 10) When Sylvia screamed, the thief ____ away. Fortunately, the police caught him outside the mall.
a) was running b) ran

II. Write the answers OR the questions for the following:

1. Did you go on vacations last year?

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2. (If you did) Where did you go? What did you do?

_____.

3. What did you eat last night for dinner?

_____.

4. _____?

Rosy met her boyfriend at the disco.

5. Were you at the movies last weekend?

_____.

6. _____?

My classmates were studying for the exam yesterday at 8:00 pm.
