

Simple past und Past Progressive

Lösungen zu den Übungen

A)

1. *Did she lose* her purse? – She *did not lose* her purse.
2. *Did you ride* slowly? – I *did not ride* slowly.
3. *Was he making* noise at midnight? – He *was not making* noise at midnight.
4. *Did they come* early? – They *did not come* early.
5. *Were they sitting* at the table? – They *were not sitting* at the table.
6. *Did he run* away? – He *did not run* away.
7. *Did the sun set* at 7.45? – The sun *did not set* at 7.45.
8. *Was it getting* dark at 7? – It *was not getting* dark at 7.
9. *Were you talking* to Tim the other day? – I *was not talking* to Tim the other day.
10. *Were they working* from 5 to 6? – They *were not working* from 5 to 6.

B)

1. In the country

1. When I *got* up yesterday, the sun *was shining*.
2. It *was* a beautiful morning.
3. So I *decided* to cycle around a little.
4. I *went* to the shed and *took* out my bike.
5. While I *was cycling* past some villages, I *saw* some people in their gardens.
6. One man *was mowing* the grass while his wife *was picking* strawberries.
7. After one hour of cycling in sunshine, a big fat rain cloud suddenly *appeared* and it *started* to rain.
8. Luckily, a farmer *noticed* me and *told* me to come in.
9. While it *was raining* outside, I *was sitting* in the farmer's house.
10. After a while, the sun *came* out again.
11. I *thanked* the farmer for his hospitality and *moved* on.

2. Mixed sentences (1)

1. We *were sitting* at the breakfast table when the doorbell *rang*.
2. He *met* a lot of friendly people while he *was working* in California.
3. When they *left* the museum, the sun *was shining*.
4. The students *were playing* cards when the teacher *came* in.
5. While the children *were sleeping*, their parents *were watching* TV.
6. It *started* to rain while she *was watering* the flowers in her garden.

7. When I *opened* the door, it *was raining*.
8. While Henry *was having* a drink at the bar, his wife *was swimming* in the sea.
9. He *heard* a loud bang while he *was talking* to his friend.
10. While he *was taking* a shower, his dogs *were eating* his steaks.

3. Mixed sentences (2)

(Hier erklären wir euch noch einmal beispielhaft, warum in bestimmten Sätzen jeweils bestimmte Zeiten verwendet werden.)

1. While Tom *was reading*, Amely *was watching* (**two actions happening at the same time in the past, emphasis on progress = Past Progressive**) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin *came* home, *switched* on the computer and *checked* (**actions happening one after another = Simple Past**) his emails.
3. The thief *sneaked* into the house, *stole* the jewels and left (**actions happening one after another = Simple Past**) without a trace.
4. Nobody *was listening* while the teacher *was explaining* (**two actions happening at the same time in the past, emphasis on progress = Past Progressive**) the tenses.
5. While we *were doing* a sight-seeing tour, our friends *were lying* (**two actions happening at the same time in the past, emphasis on progress = Past Progressive**) on the beach.
6. He *woke* up and *looked* (**actions happening one after another = Simple Past**) at his watch.