

Simple Past or Past Continuous?

Exercise 2

BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE

A2-B1

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete each sentence with the simple past or past continuous form of the verb.

1. Q: Were you playing baseball? A: No, I _____ (to study).
2. Q: Did your parents live around here? A: Yes, they _____ (to live) ten minutes from here.
3. Q: Why was he yelling? A: He _____ (to yell) because he was upset.
4. Q: Where did he go? A: He _____ (to go) outside.
5. Q: Was your mother speaking German? A: No, she _____ (to speak) Dutch.
6. Q: Did you finish your homework? A: Yes, I _____ (to finish) it two hours ago.
7. Q: Are you washing the dishes? A: Yes, I _____ (to wash) them now.
8. Q: Where was Robert living when you met him? A: He _____ (to live) with his parents.
9. Q: Why didn't you answer the phone? A: I'm sorry, I _____ (to clean) my apartment.
10. Q: Did Amelia buy a new dress? A: Yes, she _____ (to buy) a black one.
11. Q: What did the landlord tell you? A: He said that we _____ (to have) to move out by the end of the month.
12. Q: You almost forgot about the meeting? A: Yes, I _____ (to eat) lunch when I remembered it.
13. Q: What was the name of that movie? A: I _____ (to forget) the name.
14. Q: When was the last time he borrowed money from you? A: I _____ (to lend) him 10 dollars last week.
15. Q: What were you doing last night? A: I _____ (to make) dinner.
16. Q: Why are you limping? A: I _____ (to hurt) my foot while I was playing soccer.
17. Q: Why were you guys late? A: We _____ (to stop) at the supermarket to get some food.
18. Q: Why did Philip fail the test? A: He _____ (to fail) because he didn't study.
19. Q: Were you sick last week? A: Yes, I _____ (to have) the flu.
20. Q: Why do you look so tired? A: I just woke up. I _____ (to sleep).

Answer Key

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1 was studying

2 lived

3 was yelling

4 went

5 was speaking

6 finished

7 am washing

8 was living

9 was cleaning

10 bought

11 had

12 was eating

13 forgot

14 lent

15 was making

16 hurt

17 stopped

18 failed

19 had

20 was sleeping

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Answers correspond to items 1-20 on the printable worksheet.