

Simple Past vs Past Continuous 2

Put the verbs into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1. John _____ (take) a photograph of me while I wasn't looking (not/look).
2. We were in a very difficult position. We _____. (not/know) what to do.
3. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last _____ (see) him, he _____ (try) to find a Job in London.
4. I was _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was frightened and I _____ (start) to run.
5. When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a bus driver.
6. Mr Smith never _____ (wake) up in time in the mornings and always _____ (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he _____ (go) to town and _____ (buy) an alarm clock.
7. To get home he _____ (have to) go through a field where a bad tempered bull usually _____ (graze).
8. This bull normally _____ (not chase) people unless something _____ (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith _____ (cross) the field, his alarm clock _____ (go) off.
9. This _____ (annoy) the bull, who immediately _____ (begin) to chase Mr Smith.

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Answers:

Put the verbs into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1. John **took** (take) a photograph of me while I **wasn't looking** (not/look).
2. We were in a very difficult position. We **didn't know** (not/know) what to do.
3. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last **saw** (see) him, he **was trying** (try) to find a Job in London.
4. I **was walking** (walk) along the street when suddenly I **heard** (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody **was following** (follow) me. I was frightened and I **started** (start) to run.
5. When I was young, I **wanted** (want) to be a bus driver.
6. Mr Smith never **woke** (wake) up in time in the mornings and **was always getting / always got** (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he **went** (go) to town and **bought** (buy) an alarm clock.
7. To get home he **had to** (have to) go through a field where a bad tempered bull usually **grazed / was usually grazing** (graze).
8. This bull **didn't normally chase** (not chase) people unless something **made** (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith **was crossing** (cross) the field, his alarm clock **went** (go) off.
9. This **annoyed** (annoy) the bull, who immediately **began** (begin) to chase Mr Smith.