

Simple Past Or Past Continuous Tense Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. I I didn't hear the door bell.

slept
was sleeping

2. I her many times but she didn't answer.

phoned
was phoning

3. 'What then?' 'I was watching TV.'

did you do
were you doing

4. He money from the rich and gave it to the poor.

stole
was stealing

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5. 'Did you meet James yesterday?' 'Yes, I
..... him.'

met

was meeting

6. The train at 6.30.

arrived

was arriving

7. The children when their
mother home.

slept, got

were sleeping, was getting

were sleeping, got

8. I cooked dinner while Mike
the house.

was tidying

tidied

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9. I dinner when the lights went out.

had
was having

10. It me quite sometime to learn French.

took
was taking

11. As I down the street, I saw a strange sight.

walked
was walking

12. I a car last month.

bought
was buying

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Answers

1. I was sleeping. I didn't hear the door bell.
2. I phoned her many times but she didn't answer.
3. 'What were you doing then?' 'I was watching TV.'
4. He stole money from the rich and gave it to the poor.
5. 'Did you meet James yesterday?' 'Yes, I met him.'
6. The train arrived at 6.30.
7. The children were sleeping when their mother got home.
8. I cooked dinner while Mike tidied the house.
9. I was having dinner when the lights went out.
10. It took me quite sometime to learn French.
11. As I was walking down the street, I saw a strange sight.
12. I bought a car last month.