

Introduction and Imprint

The test comes in **two variants**, each of which is provided **with key** and a point-based **marking scheme**. The content corresponds to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

The test is meant for **English** as a **foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Past Simple and Past Continuous

Variant 1

1. Complete the sentences with the *past simple* or *past continuous*.

- John _____ (read) the book when the phone _____ (ring).
- It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The children _____ (watch) TV.
- I _____ (see) Sue at the train station last Friday. She _____ (wait) for her friend.
- My sister and I _____ (not / finish) our house chores yesterday.

1. He _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) around and _____ (speak) to the children.
2. They _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the bus _____ (speak) to the children.
3. When _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the bus?
4. At 3 o'clock the coach _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
5. He _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
6. She _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.

Mark: ___ / 18

2. Choose the correct item.

1. Jack **closed** / was **closing** the window because it was cold.
2. While the president **introduced** / was **introducing** the general to the first lady, she yawned.
3. At 3 o'clock yesterday I **sewed** / was **sewing** my jacket.
4. Was she **sitting** / **siting** by the tree during her tea break?
5. The boy **lost** / was **losing** his shoe in the park two days ago.

6. He _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
7. She _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
8. He _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
9. She _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.
10. He _____ (stand) in line _____ (wait) for the general _____ (speak) to the general.

Mark: ___ / 12

Past Simple and Past Continuous

Variant 1. Key

1.

1. **was reading, rang** (*Past continuous affirmative, past simple affirmative: a long action that was interrupted by a short action in the past.*)
2. **were watching** (*Past continuous affirmative: an action that was already taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
3. **saw, was waiting** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place in the past; Past continuous affirmative: an action that was already taking place at a certain time in the past. The time is implied in the context.*)
4. **didn't / did not finish** (*Past simple negative: an action that was not completed in the past.*)

1. **opened, looked, opened** (*Past simple affirmative: action that took place one after the other in the past.*)
2. **was, was sitting** (*Past simple affirmative, past continuous affirmative: a short action that interrupted a long action in the past.*)
3. **was the sign flashing** (*Past continuous interrogative: the question refers to a long action that was already taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
4. **was thinking, stopped, fell** (*Past continuous affirmative: an action that was already taking place at a certain time in the past; Past simple affirmative: action that took place one after the other in the past.*)
5. **thought** (*Past simple affirmative: a use of 'a state verb'*)
10. **was searching, was talking** (*Past continuous affirmative: action that was taking place at the same time in the past.*)

2.

1. **closed** (*Completed past action*)
2. **was introducing** (*Past continuous: a long action that was interrupted by a short action in the past.*)
3. **was sewing** (*Past continuous: an action that was already taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
4. **Was she sitting** (*The last consonant in a one-syllable verb is doubled before adding -ing as the consonant is preceded by a stressed vowel.*)
5. **lost** (*Past simple: an action that took place in the past.*)

1. **was working** (*Past present participle*)
2. **dropped** (*Past simple: an action that took place in the past.*)
3. **break, paid** (*Past simple: action that took place one after the other in the past.*)
4. **wasn't** (*a short answer to a general question.*)

10. **was thinking, was helping** (*Past continuous: actions that were taking place at the same time in the past.*)

3.

1. **were you driving** (*Past continuous interrogative: the question refers to a long action that was interrupted by a short action in the past.*)
2. **Did Alexander Bell invent** (*Past simple interrogative: a question if an action took place in the past*)
3. **Did the burglar climb** (*Past simple interrogative: a question if a short action took place in the past interrupting a long action*)
4. **was not / wasn't painting** (*Past continuous negative: an action that was not taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
5. **did not / didn't complain** (*Past simple negative: an action that did not take place in the past.*)

6. **was not / wasn't sitting** (*Past continuous negative: an action that was not taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
7. **was the thing** (*Past continuous interrogative: a question if a long action was taking place at a certain time in the past.*)
8. **Did you not / didn't speak** (*Past simple interrogative: a question if an action took place after another past action.*)
9. **was not / wasn't building** (*Past continuous negative: an action that was not taking place at the same time as another past action.*)
10. **did not / didn't feel** (*Past simple negative: an action that did not take place in the past.*)

4.

1. **died** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place in the past.*)
2. **was playing** (*Past continuous affirmative: a long action that was interrupted by a short action in the past.*)
3. **arrived** (*Past simple affirmative: a short action that interrupted a long action in the past.*)
4. **married** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place after another past action.*)
5. **became** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place after another past action.*)
6. **did not / didn't love** (*Past simple negative: a use of a state verb*)

7. **made** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place after another past action.*)
8. **did / couldn't do** (*Past simple affirmative: a habit or state in the past.*)
9. **was going** (*Past continuous affirmative: a long action that was interrupted by a short action in the past.*)
10. **reminded** (*Past simple affirmative: a short action that interrupted a long action in the past.*)
11. **was going** (*Past continuous affirmative: place or movement in the past.*)
12. **did not / didn't hope** (*Past simple negative: a use of 'a state verb'*)
13. **was** (*Past simple affirmative: an action that took place before another past action.*)