

Past Continuous vs Past Simple – Test 1



Haz este examen en línea y comprueba tus respuestas al instante

Nombre: _____ Clase: _____ Fecha: _____ Puntuación: / 30

Elige la respuesta correcta en cada pregunta. Solo hay una respuesta correcta.

Parte 1: Formas

Elige la forma correcta para completar cada oración.

1. At 8 o'clock last night, I _____ dinner.
A were cooking **B** was cooking **C** was cook **D** am cooking
2. They _____ football when it started to rain.
A was playing **B** were play **C** played were **D** were playing
3. She _____ TV at 10 p.m. She was asleep.
A wasn't watching **B** weren't watching **C** didn't watching **D** not was watching
4. _____ you sleeping when I called?
A Was **B** Did **C** Were **D** Are
5. What _____ Ali doing at 6 p.m. yesterday?
A were **B** was **C** did **D** does
6. We _____ the bus yesterday because it was late.
A didn't took **B** weren't take **C** didn't take **D** not took
7. _____ Maria call you last night?
A Was **B** Were **C** Does **D** Did
8. Choose the correct sentence.
A I was write an email when the phone rang.
B I writing an email when the phone was ringing.
C I was writing an email when the phone rang.
D I were writing an email when the phone rang.
9. The children were _____ in the sea.
A swimming **B** swimming **C** swimmming **D** swimeing
10. Leo _____ his keys on the way to work.
A losed **B** was lose **C** lost **D** loosed

Parte 2: ¿Pasado continuo o pasado simple?

Elige la respuesta que mejor se ajuste al significado de cada oración o diálogo.

11. I _____ a shower when the doorbell rang, so I couldn't open the door.
A had **B** was having **C** have **D** am having
12. While Sara was reading, her brother suddenly _____ the lights off.
A turned **B** was turning **C** turns **D** is turning

13. Yesterday I got up, _____ breakfast and went to school.
A was having **B** have **C** was had **D** had
14. When the teacher came in, the students _____ loudly, so she asked them to be quiet.
A talked **B** talk **C** were talking **D** was talking
15. At midnight, everybody in the house _____.
A is sleeping **B** were sleeping **C** sleeping **D** was sleeping
16. "Why didn't you answer my call?" "Sorry, I _____. "
A was driving **B** drove **C** am driving **D** drive
17. Last summer we _____ to Portugal for two weeks.
A were going **B** went **C** was going **D** go
18. I _____ my leg while I was skiing.
A broke **B** was breaking **C** break **D** were breaking
19. "What were you doing when the lights went out?" "I _____ my homework."
A did **B** do **C** were doing **D** was doing
20. Choose the correct sentence.
A While we were wait for the train, it started to snow.
B While we were waiting for the train, it started to snow.
C While we were waiting for the train, it was start to snow.
D While we waiting for the train, it started to snow.

Parte 3: Lectura – A strange evening

Lee la historia. Elige la palabra o las palabras correctas para cada hueco.

Last Saturday evening, Nadia (1) ___ a film at home. Her parents were out, and her little brother, Omar, (2) ___ computer games in his room.

At about nine o'clock, she (3) ___ a strange noise in the kitchen. She (4) ___ the TV off and walked slowly to the kitchen door.

When she opened it, she saw the cat. It (5) ___ on the table and eating Omar's pizza! Nadia laughed. "You naughty cat!" she said. Then she (6) ___ a photo and sent it to her parents.

21. Gap (1): Last Saturday evening, Nadia _____ a film at home.
A watched was **B** were watching **C** was watching **D** watching
22. Gap (2): ... her little brother, Omar, _____ computer games in his room.
A were playing **B** was playing **C** plays **D** is playing
23. Gap (3): At about nine o'clock, she _____ a strange noise in the kitchen.
A was hearing **B** was heard **C** hears **D** heard
24. Gap (4): She _____ the TV off and walked slowly to the kitchen door.
A turned **B** was turning **C** turns **D** turn
25. Gap (5): It _____ on the table and eating Omar's pizza!
A sat **B** were sitting **C** was sitting **D** is sitting
26. Gap (6): Then she _____ a photo and sent it to her parents.
A was taking **B** took **C** takes **D** were taking

Parte 4: Errores y preguntas

Encuentra el error o elige la oración correcta.

27. Which part of the sentence is wrong? "Yesterday I was walk in the park when I saw a beautiful bird."
A was walk **B** when **C** saw **D** a beautiful bird
28. Which part of the sentence is wrong? "Where did you went when the party finished?"
A Where **B** did **C** went **D** finished
29. Choose the correct question for this answer: "I was talking to my cousin."
A Who did you talking to? **B** Who you were talking to?
C Who was you talking to? **D** Who were you talking to?
30. Choose the correct negative of: "Emma was working at 7 p.m."
A Emma didn't working at 7 p.m. **B** Emma wasn't working at 7 p.m.
C Emma not was working at 7 p.m. **D** Emma weren't working at 7 p.m.

Soluciones – Past Continuous vs Past Simple – Test 1

1 B	2 D	3 A	4 C	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 C	9 B	10 C
11 B	12 A	13 D	14 C	15 D	16 A	17 B	18 A	19 D	20 B
21 C	22 B	23 D	24 A	25 C	26 B	27 A	28 C	29 D	30 B

Explicaciones

- B** – Con I usamos was + -ing para una acción en curso en un momento del pasado.
- D** – Con they usamos were + -ing.
- A** – La negación del pasado continuo con she es wasn't + -ing.
- C** – Las preguntas en pasado continuo con you empiezan por Were.
- B** – Ali es singular, por eso usamos was + sujeto + -ing.
- C** – La negación del pasado simple es didn't + forma base del verbo.
- D** – Las preguntas en pasado simple se forman con Did + sujeto + forma base.
- C** – La forma correcta es I was + -ing, y la acción breve (rang) va en pasado simple.
- B** – Swim termina en una vocal + una consonante, así que se duplica la m: swimming.
- C** – Lose es irregular; su forma de pasado simple es lost.
- B** – La ducha era una acción más larga en curso cuando ocurrió la acción breve (el timbre).
- A** – Apagar las luces es una acción breve y repentina, por eso usamos el pasado simple.
- D** – Para una serie de acciones terminadas una tras otra, usamos el pasado simple.
- C** – La conversación ya estaba en curso cuando entró el profesor, y students es plural.
- D** – Everybody lleva el verbo en singular, por eso usamos was sleeping para una acción en curso a medianoche.
- A** – La acción de conducir estaba en curso en el momento de la llamada, así que usamos el pasado continuo.
- B** – Un viaje terminado en el pasado se describe con el pasado simple.
- A** – Romperse una pierna es una acción breve que ocurrió durante la acción más larga de esquiar.
- D** – La respuesta corresponde a la pregunta: una acción en curso, con I + was + -ing.
- B** – While + pasado continuo para la acción más larga, y pasado simple (started) para el nuevo suceso.
- C** – Es la acción de fondo en curso, y con Nadia se usa was.
- B** – Otra acción de fondo en el pasado; Omar es singular, así que was playing.
- D** – Oír el ruido es un suceso breve que interrumpe la película, por eso usamos el pasado simple.
- A** – Son acciones terminadas en secuencia, así que ambos verbos van en pasado simple.
- C** – Las acciones del gato estaban en curso cuando Nadia abrió la puerta, y 'and eating' requiere was + -ing.
- B** – Take es irregular; took es una acción terminada dentro de la secuencia junto con sent.
- A** – El pasado continuo necesita la forma en -ing: was walking.
- C** – Después de did usamos la forma base: Where did you go?
- D** – La forma interrogativa es partícula interrogativa + were + you + -ing.
- B** – La negación de was working con un sujeto singular es wasn't working.

Notas para el profesor: Utiliza este test después de presentar el pasado continuo junto con el pasado simple, o como repaso. Se centra en errores típicos del nivel A2, como la concordancia de was/were, la falta de la terminación -ing, el uso de 'did' + -ing y las formas irregulares de pasado incorrectas. También evalúa si el alumnado elige el pasado continuo para una acción de fondo más larga y el pasado simple para una acción breve que la interrumpe. Como actividad de seguimiento, pide a tus alumnos que escriban cinco oraciones sobre lo que estaban haciendo ayer a distintas horas y lo que pasó.