

## PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS?

Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Maria.
2. John \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
3. I haven't seen Andrew for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job in Dublin.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a sandwich when Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
7. When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a doctor.
8. He usually wears sandals but when I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) boots.
9. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you in the park two days ago.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football with Stuart.
10. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden, I \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) my back.

### Correct answers

- 1) was walking; met.
- 2) was waiting; arrived.
- 3) saw; was trying.
- 4) was reading; rang.
- 5) was making; arrived.
- 6) didn't go; was raining.
- 7) wanted.
- 8) saw; was wearing.
- 9) saw; were playing.
- 10) was working; hurt.