



Extra exercises on the simple past and past continuous

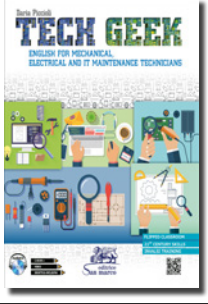
1 Put the following sentences into negative (n) and interrogative (i) forms.

- 1 John went to the mechanic last Friday.
(n)
(i)
- 2 He bought a new car.
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- 3 She sold her old car.
(n)
(i)
- 4 He took the train at six o'clock.
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- 5 They helped in the workshop.
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(i)
- 6 We met our teacher at the supermarket.
(n)
(i)
- 7 Mr Porter drank wine last night.
(n)
(i)
- 8 I could see your dog.
(n)
(i)
- 9 I had a sandwich for lunch.
(n)
(i)
- 10 They stayed in a big hotel in the city centre.
(n)
(i)

2 Make sentences using the simple past and the past continuous.

- 1 I – fall asleep – when – I – hear – a strange noise
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- 2 Mary – cook dinner – when – Sheila – come
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- 3 I – drive – to work – when – my car – break down
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- 4 Tom – have a shower – when – someone – knock – the door
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3 Describe your first day of school after summer holidays. Use the simple past and the past continuous.

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4 Describe what these workers are doing imagining that the actions took place in the past. Use the verbs suggested.



1 to cable

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2 to climb – to repair

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3 to mount

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5 Read the following information and write a short biography of the American inventor Thomas Alva Edison. Use the simple past.

- Born in Milan, Ohio in 1847.
- He grows up in Port Huron, Michigan.
- He develops hearing problems at an early age.
- He only attends school for a few months.
- Much of his education comes from reading and home schooling.
- He sells candy and newspapers on trains running from Port Huron to Detroit.
- He becomes a telegraph operator in 1863 and works at the railway station in Stratford, Ontario.
- He begins his career in New Jersey as an inventor of some telegraph devices, but the invention that gains him most notice is the phonograph in 1877.
- He creates the first light bulb in 1879.
- He also devises other items that are needed to make the light bulb practical for use in homes.
- He does a lot of work creating the motion picture camera.
- He also starts many companies, including General Electrics.
- He dies in New Jersey in 1931.

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