



Past continuous statements

A Complete the sentences with the past continuous or the simple past. Compare with a partner.

- I was in class last week, and the teacher was explaining (explain) something, and I just fell (fall) asleep. When I _____ (wake up), I realized that everyone _____ (look) at me.
- Yesterday I _____ (walk) down the street, and I _____ (text) a friend when I _____ (walk) right into a lamppost. I guess I _____ (not pay) attention.
- My sister and her husband _____ (carry) some dishes into the kitchen when they both _____ (trip) over a rug. They _____ (drop) and _____ (break) all their new dishes!
- Last week a friend of mine _____ (invite) me over for dinner. In the afternoon, when she _____ (cook), she _____ (pick up) a heavy pot and _____ (hurt) her back. When I _____ (arrive), she _____ (lie) on the sofa, so I _____ (make) dinner for us!
- The other day, a friend and I were at my house. We _____ (not / do) anything special, so _____ (say), "Come on. Let's go out for coffee. It's on me." While I _____ (wait) in line to order, I _____ (realize) I didn't have my wallet. So my friend _____ (pay) for everything. I was really embarrassed.

Past continuous questions; reflexive pronouns

A Complete the questions in the conversations and add reflexive pronouns. Practice with a partner.

- A I accidentally burned myself when I was cooking dinner.
B Oh, no! What were you making (make)?
A I was making a vegetable curry.
- A My sister hurt _____ at the gym last night. She sprained her ankle.
B That's too bad. _____ (do) aerobics?
A No, she was doing yoga. I guess you can hurt _____ if you're not careful.
- A Was there anyone fun at the party last night? I mean, who _____ (talk) to?
B Oh, this really boring guy. He talked about _____ the whole time. I didn't talk about _____ once!
- A When I got home last night, my kids were arguing.
B Really? What _____ (fight) about?
A Who should do the dishes. I just can't leave them by _____
- A There was a lot of noise when I called you last night. What _____ (do)?
B Last night? I was having dinner with some friends at a restaurant. We were really enjoying _____

Comparative adjectives

A Complete these questions with the comparative forms of the adjectives (↑ = more; ↓ = less). Compare with a partner. Then write an answer for each question.

In your opinion . . .

- Which is less expensive (expensive ↓), an e-reader or a tablet?
An e-reader is less expensive than a tablet, but a tablet is more useful.
- Is it _____ (easy ↑) to read an e-book or a regular book outside?
- Which is _____ (useful ↑), a cell phone or a tablet?

- Is it _____ (difficult ↓) to write an email on a laptop or on a smartphone?

- Which is _____ (nice ↑) for personal messages, email or a social network?

- Is it _____ (bad ↑) to lose your laptop or your phone?

- Is it _____ (good ↑) to hold your cell phone or use an earpiece when you call someone?

- Why are phone calls becoming _____ (popular ↓) than text messages?

Lesson B *More, less, fewer*

A Complete the sentences with *more*, *less*, or *fewer*. Then compare with a partner.

- I'm spending less time on my social network these days because I'm very busy at work.
- I'm getting _____ exercise now because I'm walking home from work every day.
- My friends and I text each other very late at night, so I'm sleeping _____ than I should.
- My friends prefer texting to email, so they're sending me _____ email messages these days.
- I don't have much time to cook, so I'm eating out _____ than I did before.
- I don't like big groups. I enjoy myself _____ when I have dinner with just one or two close friends.
- I feel a bit shy in groups. I usually talk _____ than other people.
- In my family, we're watching TV _____ together because we're all spending more and more time on our laptops.
- I'm buying _____ newspapers now because I'm getting my news online.