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## Past simple vs Past continuous – used to/would

**4** Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the *past simple*, as in the example.

- A: *Did you see* (you/see) the news yesterday?  
B: Yes, a wildfire ..... (break out) in California. It was awful.
- A: Susan ..... (not/come) to band practice last week.  
B: I know. She ..... (have) a lot of homework to do.
- A: ..... (you/travel) abroad on holiday when you were younger?  
B: No, but we ..... (drive) to Scotland every summer.  
A: Really? My great-grandparents ..... (live) in Scotland in the 1970s.
- A: I ..... (not/sleep) well last night.  
B: Neither did I. The storm ..... (wake) me up at midnight and I ..... (not/go) back to sleep until 3 am!

**5** Timothy is a college student. Look at his diary and the things he did yesterday. Complete the sentences about what Timothy was doing at the stated times, as in the example.

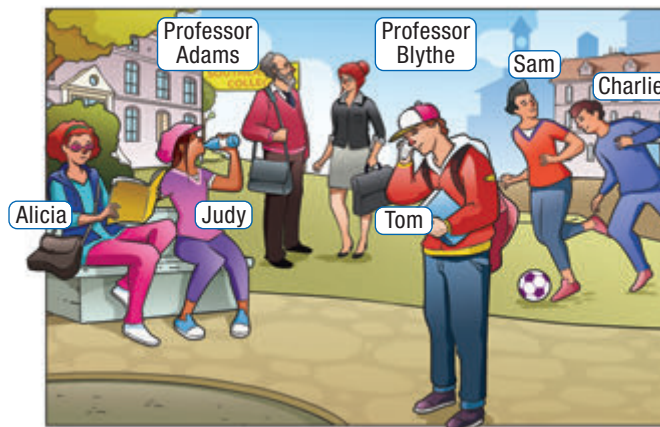
7:30 – 7:45	have a shower
7:45 – 8:00	eat breakfast
8:00 – 8:30	drive to college
9:00 – 1:30	attend lessons
2:00 – 3:30	study in the library
4:00 – 5:30	work out at the gym
7:00 – 8:30	write an essay
8:30 – 10:30	surf the Net

- Timothy *was having a shower* at 7:40.
- Timothy ..... at 7:55.
- Timothy ..... at 8:15.
- Timothy ..... at 11:00.
- Timothy ..... at 2:30.
- Timothy ..... at 4:20.
- Timothy ..... at 7:50.
- Timothy ..... at 9:15.

**6** Make sentences in the affirmative (✓), negative (✗) or interrogative (?) form of the *past continuous*.

- Peter/study/all yesterday evening (✓)  
*Peter was studying all yesterday evening.*
- I/have lunch/1 o'clock yesterday afternoon (✗)  
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- Jim/watch/TV/while/Amy/talk/on/phone (✓)  
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- the children/play/outside/all day (?)  
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- Greg and I/wait for the bus/7 o'clock/yesterday morning (✗)  
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- the baby/sleep/all last night (?)  
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**7** Look at the picture. What was happening on the college lawn yesterday at 3 o'clock? Write questions and answers.



- Judy/have/cup of coffee?  
*Was Judy having a cup of coffee?*  
*No, she wasn't. She was drinking a bottle of water.*
- Professor Adams and Professor Blythe/chat/to each other?  
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- Alicia/listen/to music?  
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- Tom/send/text messages?  
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- Charlie and Sam/play/football?  
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