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

### 19 Choose the correct item.

- Jack was washing up when he ..... a glass.  
A breaks                      **B** broke  
C was breaking
- When we lived in Bristol, we ..... the zoo every month.  
A use to visit                      B visit  
C would visit
- The cat ..... on my lap while I was reading my book.  
A is sitting                      B sat  
C was sitting
- ..... to Ken's party last weekend?  
A Did you go                      B Are you going  
C Were you going
- The Smiths ..... a car, but now they do.  
A didn't use to have  
B don't have  
C weren't having
- I woke up, had a shower and ..... breakfast.  
A make                      B was making  
C made
- Tracey was cycling to college ..... she fell off her bike.  
A while                      B as  
C when
- We ..... the news at 9:30 last night.  
A were watching                      B watched  
C watch
- Diane ..... the violin when she was younger.  
A plays                      B played  
C was playing
- It was a cold, dark morning. The wind ..... hard and the children were walking to school through the snow.  
A blows                      B blew  
C was blowing
- John was checking his emails when his computer .....  
A crashed                      B is crashing  
C was crashing
- I broke my favourite mug ..... I was doing the dishes last night.  
A when                      B while  
C then

### 20 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use up to three words.

- I started painting my room at 9am and finished at 2pm.  
I *was painting* my room from 9am until 2pm.
- While Max was running to the bus stop, he dropped his keys.  
Max was running to the bus stop ..... his keys.
- How long is it since you started college?  
When ..... college?
- Penny was cleaning when Lucy called.  
As ....., Lucy called.
- Sharon was dancing and Peter was singing.  
Peter was singing ..... dancing.

### Speaking

Look at the pictures. In pairs, continue the story. Use these ideas to help you:

- be/freezing cold day • the sun/shine
- Luke and Charlie/hike/hike/Alps
- walk/along mountain path/when/hear noise
- look up/see avalanche
- hide/in cave/while snow/crash down
- when/avalanche stop/crawl out/from cave
- feel relieved to be safe



A: It was a freezing cold day. The sun was shining.

B: Luke and Charlie were hiking in the Alps ...

### Writing

Imagine you are Luke. Use the information from the Speaking activity to write your story.

*It was a freezing cold day. The sun was shining. My friend Charlie and I ...*