TEST
Past simple or past continuous?
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Fill in the empty space by selecting one of the options available. Then check your answers.

1) While Tom ___________, Amy ______________ a documentary on TV.
   - was reading, was watching  - read, watched  - was read, were watching  - were read, were watched

2) Martin _________ home and _________ on his computer.
   - was coming, was switching  - came, switched  - was coming, switched  - came, was switching

3) Nobody ___________ while or teacher ______________ the tenses.
   - was listening, explained  - listened, explained  - was listening, was explaining  - listens, explained

4) While we _________ a sight-seeing tour, our friends ___________ on the beach.
   - did, lay  - was doing, were lying  - were doing, were lying  - did, were lying

5) He _________ up and _________ at his watch.
   - was waking, looked  - woke, looked  - was waking, was looking  - woke, was watching

6) The receptionist __________ the guests and _________ them to fill in the form.
   - was welcoming, was asking  - welcomed, was asking  - welcomed, asked  - welcomes, asked

7) The car _________ down and we _________ to go on foot.
   - was breaking, had  - broke, had  - broke, had  - broke, haved

8) The girls _________ while the boys ____________.
   - swum, sunbathed  - were swimming, were sunbathing  - swam, sunbathed  - were swam, were sunbathed

9) Martha ___________ off the lights and _________ to bed.
   - turns, goes  - turned, gone  - was turning, went  - turned, went

10) My father came in, looked around and told me to tidy up my room.
    - came, was looking, told  - was coming, was looking, told  - came, looked, told  - comed, looked, told

RESULTS
1. Was reading, was watching  2. Came, switched  3. Was listening, was explaining  4. Were doing, were lying  5. Woke, looked  6. Welcomed, asked  7. Broke, had  8. Were swimming, were sunbathing  9. Turned, went  10. Came, looked, told