Simple Past vs Past Continuous 2

Put the verbs into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1. John __________ (take) a photograph of me while I wasn't looking (not/look).

2. We were in a very difficult position. We __________. (not/now) what to do.

3. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last __________ (see) him, he __________ (try) to find a Job in London.

4. I was __________ (walk) along the street when suddenly I __________ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody __________ (follow) me. I was frightened and I __________ (start) to run.

5. When I was young, I __________ (want) to be a bus driver.

6. Mr Smith never __________ (wake) up in time in the mornings and always __________ (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he __________ (go) to town and __________ (buy) an alarm clock.

7. To get home he __________ (have to) go through a field where a bad tempered bull usually __________ (graze).

8. This bull normally __________ (not chase) people unless something __________ (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith __________ (cross) the field, his alarm clock __________ (go) off.

9. This __________ (annoy) the bull, who immediately __________ (begin) to chase Mr Smith.
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Answers:

Put the verbs into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

1. John took (take) a photograph of me while I wasn't looking (not/look).

2. We were in a very difficult position. We didn't know (not/know) what to do.

3. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last saw (see) him, he was trying (try) to find a job in London.

4. I was walking (walk) along the street when suddenly I heard (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody was following (follow) me. I was frightened and I started (start) to run.

5. When I was young, I wanted (want) to be a bus driver.

6. Mr Smith never woke (wake) up in time in the mornings and was always getting / always got (get) into trouble for being late; so one day he went (go) to town and bought (buy) an alarm clock.

7. To get home he had to (have to) go through a field where a bad tempered bull usually grazed / was usually grazing (graze).

8. This bull didn't normally chase (not chase) people unless something made (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr Smith was crossing (cross) the field, his alarm clock went (go) off.

9. This annoyed (annoy) the bull, who immediately began (begin) to chase Mr Smith.