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Simple Past vs Past Continuous

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

1. I _	(5	see) Sue in town yes	sterday but she	(look)	
the c	other way.				
2. I _	(r	meet) Tom and Ann	at the airport a few w	eeks ago. They	
(go)	to Berlin and I	(go) to	o Madrid. We	(have) a chat whil	e we
were	waiting/waite	d (wait) for our fligh	ts.		
3. I _	(0	cycle) home yesterd	ay when suddenly a	man (step)	out
into t	the road in fro	nt of me. I	(go) quite fast bu	t luckily I	
(mar	nage) to stop i	n time and	(not/hit) him.		
4. Ja	ine	(wait) for me whe	en I (arr	ve).	
5.	What	(you/do) this o.	time yesterday?		
6.	Did No, I was to	(you / go) out o tired.	last night?		
7.	Was Carol at the party last night?				
	Yes, she	(wear) a	really nice dress.		
8. Ho	ow fast	(you / drive)	when the accident	(happen)?	

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Answers:

- 1. I **saw** (see) Sue in town yesterday but she **was looking** (look) the other way.
- 2. I met (meet) Tom and Ann at the airport a few weeks ago. They were going (go) to Berlin and I was going (go) to Madrid. We had (have) a chat while we were waiting / waited (wait) for our flights.
- 3. I was cycling (cycle) home yesterday when suddenly a man stepped (step) out into the road in front of me. I was going (go) quite fast but luckily I managed (manage) to stop in time and didn't hit (not/hit) him.
- 4. Jane was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 5. What were you doing (you/do) this time yesterday?I was asleep.
- Did you go (you/go) out last night?
 No, I was too tired.
- 7. Was Carol at the party last night?Yes, she was wearing / wore (wear) a really nice dress.
- 8. How fast were you driving (you/drive) when the accident happened (happen)?