GRAMMAR QUIZ
PAST CONTINUOUS

- Decide if each question or statement is correct or wrong.

1. I left home at six-thirty this morning and went to work.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

2. He was doing his homework when I called him.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

3. Did the storm wake you up? It was raining heavily all night.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

4. Stewart wasn’t careful. He hit a tree and he was falling off his bike.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

5. I watched TV when I heard the phone ring.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

6. (A) Were you and John studying?
   (B) Yes, we were.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

7. Sarah found a new job at an office downtown.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

8. I was washing the dishes and Tom was sweeping the floor.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

9. (A) Was the dog barking?
    (B) No, it didn’t.
   a) Correct
   b) Wrong

10. (A) What were you doing?
    (B) We ate dinner.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

11. I didn’t sleeping when my friend rang the doorbell.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

12. My friend was already eating lunch when I met him in the cafeteria.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

13. No, she wasn’t at the library yesterday afternoon.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

14. (A) Did you watch the movie?
    (B) Yes, I was.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

15. (A) Were you watch the movie?
    (B) No, I didn’t.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

16. It rained all day yesterday, so I stayed at home.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

17. It was raining all day yesterday, so I stayed at home.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

18. (A) Why are you laughing yesterday?
    (B) I was reading a funny book.
    a) Correct
    b) Wrong

17 – 18 = Excellent
15 – 16 = Good
14 or Less = Study More!

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ANSWER KEY

1. A 10. B
3. A 12. A
4. B 13. A
6. A 15. B
7. A 16. A
8. A 17. A

Grades as percentages

18 / 18 = 100%
17 / 18 = 94
16 / 18 = 89
15 / 18 = 83
14 / 18 = 78
13 / 18 = 72
12 / 18 = 67
11 / 18 = 61
10 / 18 = 56
9 / 18 = 50
8 / 18 = 44
7 / 18 = 39
6 / 18 = 33
5 / 18 = 28
4 / 18 = 22
3 / 18 = 17
2 / 18 = 11
1 / 18 = 6
0 / 18 = 0%

NOTE

Following the quiz, have your learners correct the wrong sentences (see below).

4. Stewart wasn’t careful. He hit a tree and he fell off his bike.

5. I was watching TV when I heard the phone ring.

9. (A) Was the dog barking?
   (B) No, it wasn’t.

10. (A) What were you doing?
    (B) We were eating dinner.

11. I wasn’t sleeping when the doorbell rang.

14. (A) Did you watch the movie?
    (B) Yes, I did.

   Or possibly:
   
   (A) Were you watching the movie?
   (B) Yes, I was.

15. (A) Did you watch the movie?
    (B) No, I didn’t.

   Or possibly:

   (A) Were you watching the movie?
   (B) No, I wasn’t.

18. (A) Why were you laughing yesterday?
    (B) I was reading a funny book.