Test 1

Choose the correct tense.

As the stranger came/was coming to the station, a car stopped/was stopping behind him.

My grandma never watched/was never watching TV. But she read/was reading books.

When did you start/were you starting work?
I started/was starting at 6 o’clock.

He got up/was getting up and switched off/was switching off the light.

When I finished/was finishing my homework, I cooked/was cooking dinner.

While we listened/were listening to the news, the telephone rang/was ringing. Kate stood up/was standing up and answered/was answering it.

As I drove/was driving to work last Friday, a car crashed/was crashing in front of me.
What did you do/were you doing when you saw/were seeing it?
I stepped/was stepping on the brakes.

Yesterday Carrol wrote/was writing letters from 10 to 11 and then from 5 to 7 again.

We arrived in Cannes at 2.30. The sun shone/was shining, people sunbathed/were sunbathing on the beach and big yachts sailed/were sailing near the harbour. We parked our car and went/were going to the beach.

Test 2

Make questions first and then negatives.

Example:
We heard a car outside the house.
a) Did you hear a car outside the house?
b) We didn’t hear a car outside the house.

My neighbour lost her purse.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

I rode slowly.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

He was making a lot of noise at midnight.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

They came early.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

His sisters were sitting at the table.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

We ran away.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

The sun set at 7.45.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

It was getting dark at 7.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

I was talking to Tim the other day.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

We were listening to the radio from 5 to 6.
a) ..............................................................
b) ..............................................................

Past simple and continuous