

UNIT
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Past Simple / Past Continuous

Let's Learn

1 Read.

Police officer: Did you go anywhere last night?

Burglar: No, I didn't. I stayed at home and watched TV.

Police officer: What were you watching between 10 and 11 o'clock?

Burglar: Um, uh, let me think ... I wasn't watching a film. I think I was watching a football game.

Police officer: Oh really?



2 Complete the chart. Use the dialogue above to help you.

Past Simple	Past Continuous
Positive	Positive
I / he / she / it watched we / you / they watched	I / he / she / it ..was watching... we / you / they were watching
Negative	Negative
I / he / she / it did not watch we / you / they did not watch	I / he / she / it / was not watching we / you / they were not watching
Question	Question
...Did... I / he / she / it watch? Did we / you / they watch?	Was I / he / she / it watching? ..Were.. we / you / theywatching..... ?
Short form	Short form
did not watch → <i>didn't</i> . watch	was not watching → <i>wasn't</i> . watching were not watching → <i>weren't</i> watching

Past Continuous

Χρησιμοποιούμε τον **Past Continuous** για:

- 1 μια πράξη που βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη μια συγκεκριμένη χρονική στιγμή στο παρελθόν.
- 2 δύο ή περισσότερες πράξεις που συνέβαιναν ταυτόχρονα στο παρελθόν.
- 3 το σκηνικό μιας ιστορίας που συνέβη στο παρελθόν.

What were you **doing** at 10 o'clock yesterday?
We **were watching** TV.

We **were playing** a computer game while my mother **was cooking** dinner.

The sun **was shining** and the birds were **singing**.

Σημείωση: Τα **stative verbs** δε χρησιμοποιούνται σε χρόνους διάρκειας.

Comparison: Past Continuous and Past Simple

- 1 Χρησιμοποιούμε τον **Past Continuous** για μια πράξη που βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν και διακόπηκε από κάποια άλλη. Χρησιμοποιούμε **Past Continuous** για την πράξη που βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη και **Past Simple** για την πράξη που τη διέκοψε.
- 2 Πολλές φορές χρησιμοποιούμε **Past Simple** και **Past Continuous** για να διηγηθούμε μια ιστορία που συνέβη στο παρελθόν. Στην περίπτωση αυτή, χρησιμοποιούμε **Past Continuous** για την περιγραφή του σκηνικού και **Past Simple** για τα κύρια γεγονότα της ιστορίας.
- 3 Χρησιμοποιούμε **Past Continuous** για πράξεις που γίνονταν ταυτόχρονα και **Past Simple** για πράξεις που έγιναν ή μια μετά την άλλη.

while / when (καθώς, ενώ / όταν), **as** (καθώς)

- 1 Τα **while / as** ακολουθούνται κυρίως από ρήμα στον **Past Continuous**.
- 2 Το **when** ακολουθείται κυρίως από ρήμα στον **Past Simple**.

Σημείωση: Το **during** (κατά τη διάρκεια) ακολουθείται από ουσιαστικό.

Mike was driving home when he saw an accident.

We were watching TV at home. Suddenly we heard a loud noise so we went outside to see what it was.

The girls were listening to the radio while they were doing their homework.

When she finished her book, she went to bed.

While the teacher was talking, John was looking out of the window.

While I was swimming in the sea, a thief took my camera.

As I was walking down the road, I heard someone call my name.

When we arrived in Athens, my aunt was waiting for us.

They were having breakfast when the postman came.

My friend kept talking to me during the film.

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Let's Practise

1 Match to form sentences.

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|---|---|
| 1. While I was watching a DVD, | a. the pupils were listening carefully. |
| 2. Why was she crying when | b. we saw her yesterday? |
| 3. The boys were playing basketball when | ...1... c. my friend Penny arrived. |
| 4. While our teacher was explaining the homework, | d. during the lesson. |
| 5. Tony's mobile phone rang | e. it started to rain. |

2 Complete the sentences with did / didn't / was / wasn't / were / weren't. Some words are used more than once.

1. Did you buy some new shoes yesterday?
2. Susan invite me to the party, so I didn't go.
3. Jan didn't help us. She reading while we cooking.
4. I listening when the teacher explained the homework, so I don't know what to do.
5. No, we working yesterday morning when you phoned. We were sleeping.
6. What you doing last night at 8 o'clock? You come to the meeting!

3 Circle the correct words.

1. Yesterday, as I wrote / was writing a text message to my friend, she phoned me.
2. Steve didn't watch / wasn't watching TV last night.
3. Did you have / Were you having lunch when I called?
4. I saw / was seeing Simon this morning. He stood / was standing at a bus stop.
5. While I walked / was walking to school, I found / was finding a watch.
6. I woke up / was waking up early because some builders made / were making a noise.
7. Did you go / Were you going to Jerry's party last night?
8. I didn't take / wasn't taking an umbrella because it didn't rain / wasn't raining when I left.

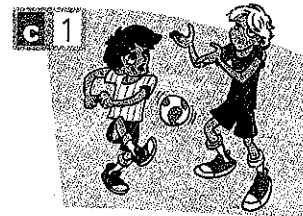
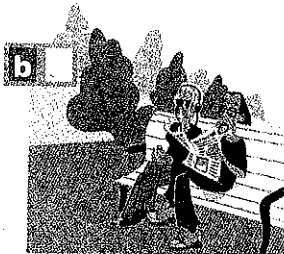
4 Complete the sentences with while / during.

1. We ate our sandwich during the break.
2. Pat was reading I was doing homework.
3. Laura fell she was running down the stairs.
4. The boys slept the journey.
5. They arrived we were having dinner.
6. the summer, Irene worked as a lifeguard.

Remember!
while + subject + verb
during + noun

5 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then match the sentences to the pictures below.

1. The boys were playing (play) football when it started (start) to rain.
2. (you, find) my glasses while you (clean) the car?
3. While Maggie (listen) to a CD, Dave (read) the newspaper.
4. I (wash) the dishes when my friends (come) to visit.
5. While Mum (cook) dinner, the kids (jump) on the sofa.
6. When Nancy (come) home, her parents (sleep).



Remember!

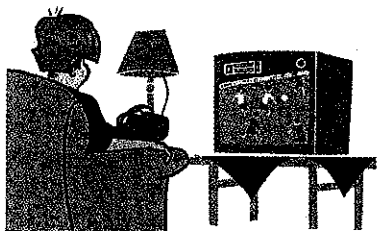
The Past Simple is used for the action in a story. The Past Continuous is used for the background and description.

6 Complete the passage with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

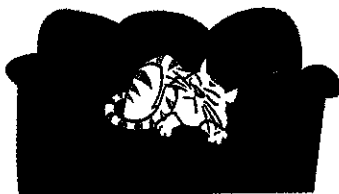
SURPRISE ARREST

A robber (1)walked..... (walk) into a shop and (2) (tell) the shopkeeper to give him all the money he had. But the shopkeeper (3) (not have) much money, so the robber decided to take money from the people who (4) (wait) to pay. While the robber (5) (steal) their money, the shopkeeper (6) (call) the police. The robber (7) (not know) this, so he was very surprised when the police arrived. He was arrested just as he (8) (put) someone's wallet in his pocket!

7 Write questions about the pictures and then answer the questions. Use the words below the pictures and the Past Simple or Past Continuous.



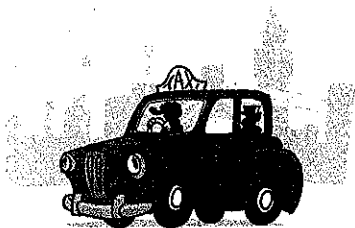
1. stay at home and watch TV



2. sleep on the sofa



3. read a book



4. take a taxi



5. have lunch



6. go to Paris

1. Ken / go / to the party / last night / ? Did Ken go to the party last night?
No, he didn't. He stayed at home and watched TV.
2. the cat / hide / under the table / when / you / come home / ? Was the cat hiding under the table when you came home? No, it wasn't. It was sleeping on the sofa.
3. Eva / write e-mails / when / the phone / ring / ?
4. he / walk / to the centre of town / yesterday / ?
5. they / run / in the park / when / the storm / begin / ?
6. Lynn and Guy / visit London / last week / ?

8 Complete the dialogues with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Ellen: What (1) did Mrs Hunt tell (Mrs Hunt, tell) us to do?

Mark: I don't know. I (2) wasn't listening (not listen) while she was talking.

Dad: What a mess! What happened?

Linda: While I (3) was doing (do) my homework, the cat (4) jumped (jump) on my desk and (5) spilled (spill) a glass of water all over my project!

Mum: (6) was it still raining (it, still rain) when you left school this afternoon?

Andy: No. The sun (7) was shining (shine) and it was a beautiful day.

Rita: I (8) tried (try) to phone you yesterday but no one answered.

What (9) did you do (you, do) at about 7 o'clock?

Jane: Well, we probably (10) didn't hear (not hear) the phone because there was such a

noise! I (11) was playing (play) the piano while Mia (12) was watching

(watch) a film on television.

9 Complete the passage with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

A Great Story

I'll never forget a book I read last summer. It was *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. There were four children in the story, who (1) were staying (stay) in an old house. One day while it (2) was raining (rain), they decided to explore the house. Lucy, the youngest girl, (3) opened (open) an old wardrobe. She (4) moved (move) the coats away and was surprised to find that she was in a forest. It (5) was snowing (snow) there.

The wardrobe was really a magic door to another world, where an evil witch made it winter all the time. After reading the book, I (6) checked (check) my wardrobe carefully to see if it had a magic door, but of course I (7) didn't find (not find) one!

In 2005 the book was made into a film and it was very popular. In fact, when I (8) visited (visit) my friend last night, she (9) was watching (watch) it on DVD and we both (10) enjoyed (enjoy) it very much!

