



**Activity 1:** Hi friends! I'm still at home, I can't leave my planet. I'm doing a lot of homework these days... We are practicing the past simple and the past continuous. I'm a little bit sad because I miss Tip a lot. Yesterday, she sent me an e-mail. Do you want to read it? Then help me to do the activities.



From: Tip  
To: Oh

Hi Tip! You won't believe what happened. Yesterday I was playing videogames in my room when I heard people screaming. I went out and saw: my neighbors' house was on fire!

In less than 10 minutes the firefighter arrived and fought against the fire for one hour until they made it. Wow! They are really brave! One of them entered the house and saved the Johnson's dog that was trapped in the fire.

I made a decision: I want to be a firefighter when I grow up. I'll be strong and brave enough to fight against the fire, to save people's lives and property. I can't wait! I can already see it in the newspaper: "Brave firefighter rescues a family of four", Mom will be really proud.

**Activity 2:** Choose TRUE or FALSE.

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| 1. Tip's house was on fire.                                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. She thinks the firefighters are brave.                   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. It took long the firefighters to arrive.                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. It took one hour to extinguish the fire.                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. Tip's neighbors have a pet.                              | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. A fireman saved the dog's life.                          | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Tip wants to be a firefighter when she grows up.         | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. She wants to be as strong and brave as the firefighters. | TRUE | FALSE |

**Activity 3:** This morning I made a video call with Kyle and he explained me how to use the past simple and the past continuous together in a sentence. But I'm a little bit confused. Please, read with me and complete the sentences. Remember to use the tenses correctly.



" I **was playing** videogames when I **heard** people screaming." A long **action** (play videogames) was taking place in the past when a **short action** (hear people screaming) happened. The long action is expressed with the verb to be in the past (was / were) + a verb in the -ing form. The short action is expressed with the past simple.

- A. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ when the phone \_\_\_\_\_. [study / ring]
- B. Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. [arrive / have]
- C. Mom \_\_\_\_\_ some carrots when she \_\_\_\_\_ her finger. [slice / cut]
- D. Gerald and Philip \_\_\_\_\_ from work when the car \_\_\_\_\_ into a wall. [return / crash]
- E. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ outside when the storm \_\_\_\_\_. [to play / to start]
- F. I \_\_\_\_\_ when the dog \_\_\_\_\_ away. [sleep / run]

**Activity 4:** Time to listen!!! Please, help me to complete the sentences. Remember you can pause the track at any time and listen to it as many times as necessary.



**PLAY** →

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ when I called you?
3. Bill heard about the report as he \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio.
4. Who \_\_\_\_\_ all that noise last night?
5. The machines \_\_\_\_\_ properly.
6. Joe and Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ in New York in the 1980s.
7. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ a good job, so he was fired.
8. A security guard \_\_\_\_\_ us while we were in the store.
9. A woman tripped as she \_\_\_\_\_ onto the bus.
10. The accident was caused by a man who \_\_\_\_\_ while he \_\_\_\_\_.