

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Read the examples.

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A

- I **was walking** home when I met Dave.
- Ann **was watching** TV when the phone rang.

In the middle of an action

B

- I **walked** home after the party last night.
- Ann **watched** TV a lot when she was ill last year.

Complete action

Example of past continuous

A

B

Example of simple past

A

B

Circle the correct option!

A. When are you going to use past continuous? Read the examples and write the rule

- A: What were they doing at 10.30 a.m? B: They were playing tennis.	Rule:
- Tom burnt his hand when he was cooking dinner. - They were skiing when the storm started.	Rule:
- While I was watching TV, my wife was talking on the phone. - Cristian was reading a book while Janet was writing a letter.	Rule:

B. Put the verb in the correct form: Past Simple or Past Continuous.

- I _____ (dream) when the alarm clock _____ (go off).
- They _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).
- The phone _____ (ring) while I _____ (have) a shower.
- We _____ (not/go out) last Sunday because it _____ (rain).
- I _____ (see) Kim at the party. She _____ (wear) a new dress.
- I _____ (break) a bowl this morning. When I _____ (wash) the dishes it just _____ (slip) out of my hand onto the floor!
- When he _____ (carry) the table, he _____ (feel) a sharp pain in his back.
- Sarah _____ (go) down the stairs when the lights _____ (go out).
- We _____ (watch) TV when someone _____ (come) to the door and _____ (knock) very loudly.
- What _____ (you/do) at this time yesterday? Oh, I _____ (prepare) the dinner.
- I _____ (fall) asleep while I _____ (watch) television.
- At 12:45 yesterday, Mr Alright _____ (see) a client in his office.