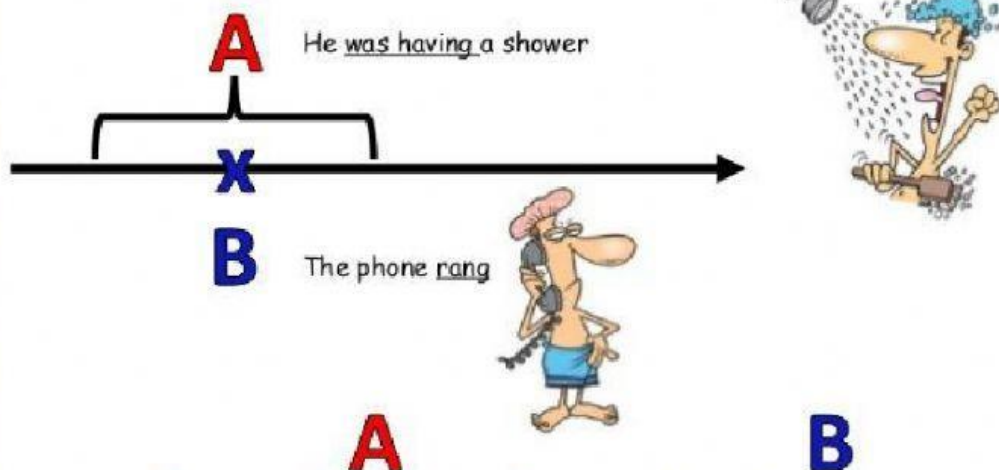


Past continuous-Past simple

An action (A) was happening in the past when an action (B) interrupted



WHILE he was having a shower, the the phone rang

He was having a shower, WHEN the the phone rang

Past simple, past continuous, past perfect

I. Past Simple Past Continuous exercises. Write the words in brackets in Past Simple or Past Continuous Tense.

- I (watch) TV when she (call) me.
- He (jump) into the river and (rescue) the drowning man.
- I (see) my first baseball match while I (live) in New York.
- We (ring) the police because the neighbors (play) the music very loud.
- He (write) the whole homework during the lunch break.
- We (play) in the garden when it (start) to rain.
- He (meet) his girlfriend when he (live) in London.

8. While I *(work)* in the hospital I *(decide)* to give up smoking.
9. It *(rain)* the whole day so we *(decide)* to stay at home.
10. The sun *(shine)* so we *(decide)* to go for a walk.

II. Past Continuous vs Past Simple exercise. Fill in the gaps with the words in brackets in Past Continuous or Past Simple Tense.

1. When the war out we in Warsaw. (**break / live**)
2. It to rain when we . (**begin / start**)
3. While I to the concert somebody at the door. (**listen/ knock**)
4. When they in that house she very ill. (**live / be**)
5. We just for Mary when John . (**wait / come**)
6. They wine every day when they in France. (**drink / be**)
7. She very quickly when the accident . (**drive / happened**)
8. We dinner when he . (**have / arrive**)
9. They tennis when we there. (**play / get**)
10. She a pink summer frock when I her yesterday. (**wear / meet**)
11. The telephone while I my bath. (**ring / have**)
12. My son his knee badly when he his bicycle yesterday. (**hurt / ride**)
13. While the scientist in his laboratory a friend to see him. (**work / come**)
14. When the farmer wheat he many airplanes in the sky. (**sow / see**)
15. At half past nine she still her homework. (**do**)
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