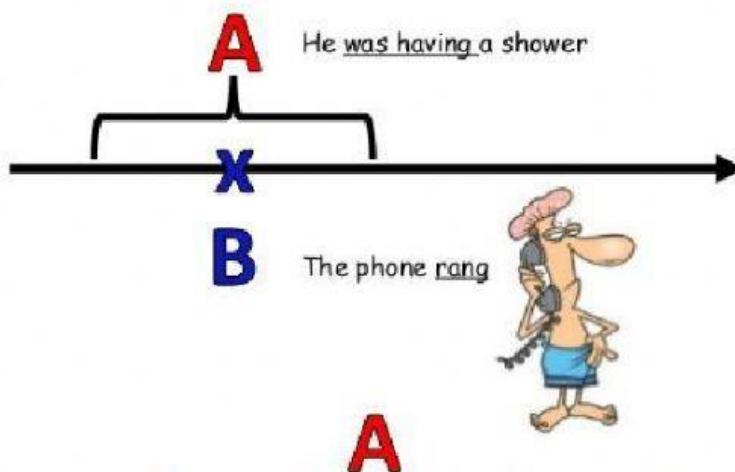


## Past continuous-Past simple

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



WHILE he was having a shower, the phone rang  
He was having a shower, WHEN 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.

1. I (watch)  TV when she (call)  me.

2. He (jump)  into the river and (rescue)  the drowning man.

3. I (see)  my first baseball match while I (live)  in New York.

4. We (ring)  the police because the neighbors (play)  the music very loud.

5. He (write)  the whole homework during the lunch break.

6. We (play)  in the garden when it (start)  to rain.

7. 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.

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**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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