Past Continuous (Betty Azar Chapter 2-10: PG28)

NOTE:

EXAMPLE #1: I ***was walking*** down the street when it began to rain.

There are two actions above – 1 – I ***was walking*** down the street

-2- It **began** to rain

Both actions occurred at the same time, but *one action began earlier and was in progress when the other action happened.*

EXAMPLE #2: At 8 o'clock last night, I ***was studying***.

My studying began before 8, was in progress at that time and probably continued after.

EXAMPLE #3: While I ***was studying*** in my room, my brother ***was watching*** TV in the living room.

Sometimes, the past continuous is used in both parts of a sentence when two actions are happening at the same time

After you have read the note, fill in the correct verb tenses below. Choose between the simple past and past continuous.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (sit) _____ in class at this exact time yesterday.

2. I don't want to go to the zoo today because it is raining. The same thing happened yesterday. I (want, not) _____ to go to the zoo because it (rain) _____.

3. I (call) _____ Roger last night, but he (be, not) _____ at home. He (study) _____ at the library.

4. I (hear, not) _____ thunder during the storm last night because I (sleep) _____.

5. My brother and sister (argue) _____ about something when I (walk) _____ into the room.

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