Shakespeare School

Past Simple vs. **Past Continuous**

Past Simple	Past Continuous
1. Past actions which happened one after the other. ……	4. Action in the middle of happening at a stated past time ……
2. Something that started and finished in the past ……	5. Past action in progress interrupted by another past action ……
3. Past routines and habits ……	6. Two or more simultaneous past actions …… 7. Background description ……
KEY WORDS: Yesterday, …	KEY WORDS: While, …

A. The wind was howling, the leaves were falling, it was the beginning of autumn.
B. While I was sunbathing, Tim was swimming.
C. Kevin often read mystery books in his free time.
D. He was playing tennis at 4.30 yesterday.
E. We were going to see the Marfa lights, when someone took a picture of us.
F. She called an hour ago.
G. She wrote the letter, put a stamp on it and posted it.

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