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SIMPLE PAST VS PAST CONTINUOUS

PAST SIMPLE

We use the **Past Simple** to:

- *talk about a simple finished action in the past.
E.g I **bought** a jumper yesterday
- *talk about repeated actions in the past.
E.g I **phoned** you five times last night
- *talk about a sequence of events in the past.
E.g I **unlocked** the door, **opened** it and **turned on** the light.

We don't normally use the continuous form with feeling verbs, thinking verbs or sense verbs.

We **DON'T USE** the continuous form with the verbs **be, belong, contain, cost or own**

PAST CONTINUOUS

We use the **Past Continuous** to:

- *describe a scene in the past
E.g it **was raining** and there **was** nobody **walking** in the street.
- *describe an action that was interrupted by another.
E.g. We **were talking** until the teacher came into the classroom.

WHEN / WHILE

We can use either **when or while** before the **Past Continuous**. E.g. The taxi arrived **when / while** I was saying 'goodbye' to my parents.

We don't use **while** before the **Past Simple**. We can use **when**. E.g. I was saying 'goodbye' to my parents **when** the taxi arrived.

1-Match the sentences 1 and 2 to A and B

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| A- 1-When Alice arrived, we read the story. | a- We started reading the story before Alice |
| 2-When Alice arrived, we were reading the story. | b- Alice brought the story |
| B- 1-I was listening to the concert when she arrived. | a- Her arrival interrupted my listening to the concert |
| 2-I listened to the concert when she arrived. | b- We started listening to the concert |
| C-1-The kids were laughing when they heard the story. | a- The kids were having fun before they heard the story.. |
| 2-The kids laughed when they heard the story | b- The story made the kids laugh |



2- Read the text and choose the correct option.

It was dark a night. We **were running / ran** in the street **when/ while** we heard a loud noise. We **were stopping/ stopped** and **were looking/ looked** into different directions, but we couldn't see anything. All of a sudden, the lights **were going/ went** on and we **were seeing / saw** an old tree that has fallen across te street. We **were feeling / felt** very relieved.

3- Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- **Example:** *We were having dinner (have) when my father arrived (arrive)*

- 1- I _____ (study) last night when he _____ (call) me.
- 2- Who _____ you _____ (speak) to when I _____ (come) in?
- 3- We _____ (go) to Bath when we _____ (visit) England.
- 4- He _____ (get) annoyed because they _____ (interrupt) him.
- 5- It _____ (snow) when I _____ (leave) home.