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What's The Story?

ACTIVITY 6 – PRACTICE ONLINE: PAST CONTINUOUS / PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

INTRODUCTION: VIDEO EXPLAINING THE PAST CONTINUOUS (WATCH UP TO MINUTE 6)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNeifsglUxU>

1- WHEN DO WE USE PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS?

MOVE THE EXAMPLE SENTENCES UNDER THE CORRECT TITLES:

I WAS HAVING DINNER WHEN I SUDDENLY HEARD THE NEWSWHILE MY BROTHERS WERE WATCHING A FILM, I WAS HAVING A LIVE INSTAGRAM GYM CLASSLUCKILY IT WASN'T RAINING LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

PAST CONTINUOUS

- FOR ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST.

- FOR TWO OR MORE ACTIONS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME IN THE PAST.

PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE

- FOR ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST WHEN ANOTHER THING HAPPENED/INTERRUPTED.

2- HOW DO WE FORM THE PAST CONTINUOUS? MOVE THE WORDS TO THE CORRECT PLACE.

VERB-ING

WEREN'T

WAS

AFFIRMATIVE FORM

-I/HE/SHE/IT + + VERB -ING...-YOU/WE/THEY + WERE + VERB -ING...

NEGATIVE FORM

-I/HE/SHE/IT + WASNT + VERB -ING...-YOU/WE/THEY + + VERB -ING...

INTERROGATIVE FORM

(WH-) WAS + I/HE/SHE/IT + VERB -ING... ?(WH-) WERE + YOU/WE/THEY + .

3- READ ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF HENRY AND ISADORA. CHOOSE THE CORRECT NAME TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.



Tomorrow's stars

★ Henry Cue

I'm a pupil at Redgrave School of Performing Arts. I love singing and dancing. I started dance lessons when I was six. My mum and aunty are both brilliant dancers. Actually, my aunty taught me. I also really enjoy acting. Last week I was performing in a theatre in London. It was really scary. I had the biggest role in the play and I was away from home for the first time!



★ Isadora Fox

I'm fifteen years old and go to Willow School of Music. It's in London and a short walk from my house. I love singing and my sister plays the guitar. We're in a band together. Our band won a special music prize a week ago. I couldn't believe it! Most of my friends at school want to be famous actors on TV, but not me! I don't want to be in front of a TV camera.



- a- _____ goes to school in London.
- b- _____ was performing in a theatre in London last week.
- c- _____ doesn't like being in front of cameras.
- d- _____ won a prize a week ago.
- e- _____ had the most important role in a play.

4- COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN PAST CONTINUOUS IN THE CORRECT FORM.

- a- James **wasn't playing** (not play) the guitar yesterday night. He was studying.
- b- What _____ (your sisters / do) last Sunday afternoon?
- c- _____ (you / sing) in the shower some minutes ago?
- d- Sorry, I _____ (not listen). What did you say?
- e- Jessica _____ (not have) a Zoom class at 10 am this morning.
- f- He _____ (laugh) at a terrible joke an hour ago.



5- PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS: WATCH THE SHORT ANIMATED FILM 'THE PRESENT'

CLICKING ON THE [LINK](#) AND DO THE QUIZ ON THE RIGHT OF THE VIDEO.



<https://eslvideo.com/quiz.php?id=34741>



The screenshot shows the ESL Video website interface. On the left is a video player for 'The Present' featuring a cartoon boy. On the right is a quiz section titled 'Quiz' with the instruction: 'Complete the sentences below using the simple past or past continuous verb tense.' The quiz contains three questions with multiple-choice options.

Quiz Questions:

1. One day Jack _____ video games when his mom _____ home from work.
☐ a.) played / was coming
☐ b.) was playing / came
2. His mom had a box and she _____ the box in front of Jack.
☐ a.) was putting
☐ b.) put
3. Jack _____ the box. There was a puppy

QUIZ

6- PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (Remember: one action was in progress when another thing happened).

- a- Oliver **was having** (have) a shower **when** he **got** (get) a notification.
- b- We _____ (watch) an action film **when** we _____ (hear) a bang outside.
- c- Kieran and Joe _____ (find) an old violin **while** they _____ (look) in their grandparents' attic.
- d- I _____ (stand) outside the theatre **when** I _____ (see) my favourite actor.
- e- Alice _____ (not dance) **when** she _____ (hurt) her leg.
- f- **When** we _____ (arrive) at the concert, the band _____ (play) the first song.

7- 'A BRILLIANT ART EXHIBITION': LISTEN AND PUT A TICK ONLY IN THE TRUE SENTENCES.



- a- They were getting bored of going to exhibitions.
- b- Her friend suggested a new art exhibition in town.
- c- A lady was giving microphones to the people at the exhibition.
- d- The music changed when they stopped at a different painting.
- e- The girls said the exhibition wasn't boring.

