

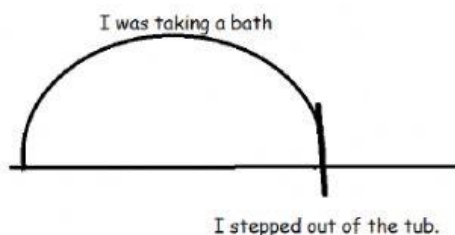
"I was taking a bath"

Past Continuous v Simple Past

**We use the past continuous for longer actions in the past (was/were plus verb +ing.)

**We use the past simple for complete actions in the past (verb+ed or irregular form)

**Look at the diagram which shows a longer action that was interrupted by a short one.



Read the lyrics to the song and choose the correct form of the verb.

*Splish Splash! I **was taking** / **took** a bath, long about Saturday night.*

*Rub-a-Dub, just **relaxing** / **relaxed** in the tub, **thinking** / **thought** everything was all right.*

*Well, I **was stepping** / **stepped** out of the tub, **was putting** / **put** my feet on the floor,*

***Was wrapping** / **wrapped** a towel around me and I **was opening** / **opened** the door.*

*Then, SPLISH SPLASH, I **was jumping** / **jumped** back in the bath.*

*How was I to know there was a party **going on** / **went on**?*

*Bing bag, I **was seeing** / **saw** the whole gang **dancing** / **danced** on my living rug, yea!*

*Flip flip, They **were doing** / **did** the bop all the teens had the dancing bug*

There was Lollipop with Peggy Sue; Good Golly, Miss Molly was even there, too!

*Well, Splish Splash I **was forgetting** / **forgot** about the bath.*

*I **was going** / **went** and **was putting** / **put** my dancing shoes on*

