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GRAMMAR RECALL

Past Simple and Past Continuous

Read the sentences on the left and match them to a usage on the right.

1. I was doing my homework when my friend knocked on the door.
2. In March 2009, Oman won the Gulf Cup.
3. She was wearing a lovely pink dress and silver shoes.

Use the past simple to describe:

- a. a completed action in the past

Use the past continuous to describe:

- b. an ongoing activity in the past

- c. something that was happening in the past when another action happened

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Find examples of the past simple and past continuous in the dialogue between Mr Hamed and Nasser in Activity 2. Then read the sentences below and choose the best form of the verb in each.

- a We **were having/had** dinner when there was a power cut.
- b J.K.Rowling taught English before she **wrote/was writing** the Harry Potter books.
- c When I first lived abroad, I **experienced/was experiencing** many problems.
- d What **were you doing/did you do** at four o'clock yesterday afternoon? I **was drinking/drank** coffee with my friends.
- e The film was so boring that I almost **fell /was falling** asleep.