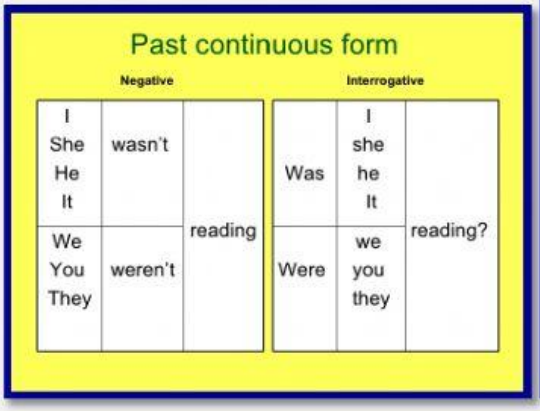
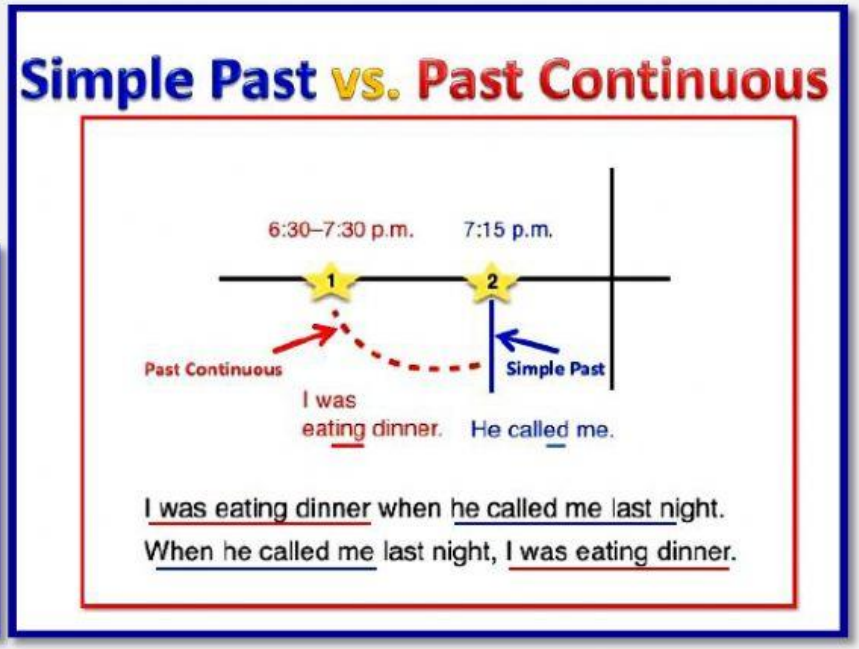
PAST SIMPLE-PAST CONTINUOUS WHEN/WHILE





Exceptions: There are some verbs that we **DON'T use in the past continuous** tense. Because they aren't **action** verbs.

e.g.: like, love, hate, smell, seem, believe, understand, realise, belong, know, want, need, depend, suppose … ›››››››››››› **NO PAST CONTINUOUS FORM!**

A. PAST CONTINUOUS: Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Past Continuous Tense.

1) They _____ in the lake yesterday afternoon. (swim)

2) He _____ on the coach. (sleep)

3) I _____ a book. (read)

4) We _____ breakfast at 7 am yesterday. (have)

5) Sarah _____ the fence. (paint)

6) The kids _____ the picture. (colour)

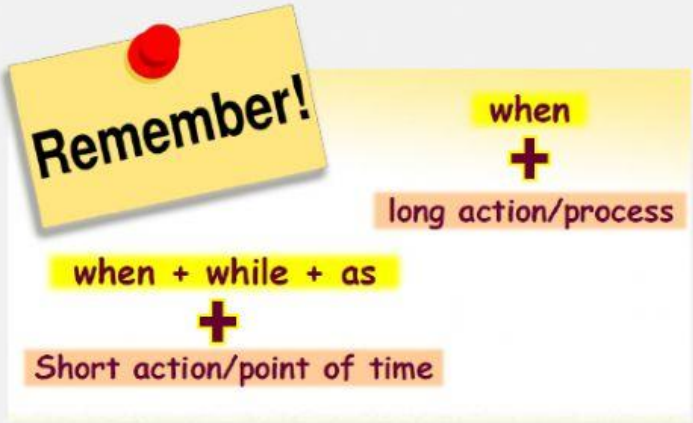
7) You _____ about the accident. (talk)

8) The dog _____ all last night. (bark)

9) We _____ to the radio yesterday morning. (listen)

10) Pete _____ his car last weekend. (wash)

B. WRITE THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN THE PARANTHESES (SIMPLE PAST TENSE or PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE?



1) As Sophie _____(walk) up Regent Street she _____(meet) an old friend from college.
2) When _____(father/arrive) yesterday?
3) He _____(arrive) late. The train _____ (be) delayed due to an accident.
4) Who _____(you/ speak) to on the phone when I _____(come)in?
5) Mary _____(read) in bed when she _____(hear) a strange noise downstairs.
6) When Mr. Lawrence _____(leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun _____(shine) brightly. However, by 10 o´clock it _____(rain) heavily.
7) Sebastian _____(arrive) at Susan´s house a little before 11 a.m., but she _____(not/be) there. She _____(study) at the library.
8) The fireman _____(rescue) a 75-year-old woman who _____(be) trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
9) _____(you/do) any shopping yesterday?
10) Yesterday Jane _____(fall) and _____(hurt) herself when she _____(ride) her bicycle.
11) What _____(Peter / do) when you _____(knock) on his door?
12) Helen _____(wear) her dress to the party last night.
13) I _____ (read) a book when the accident _____ (happen).
14) While _____ (do) my homework, somebody _____ (call) my name.
15) My father and my brother _____ (repair) the car in the garage when the earthquake _____ (happen).
16) I _____ (play) when I _____ (hurt) my knee.
17) _____ we were getting ready for the picnic, it _____ (start) to rain.