

KET 5 – Past Simple and Past Continuous

1. Use the words in the box to complete the rules for Past Simple and Past Continuous.

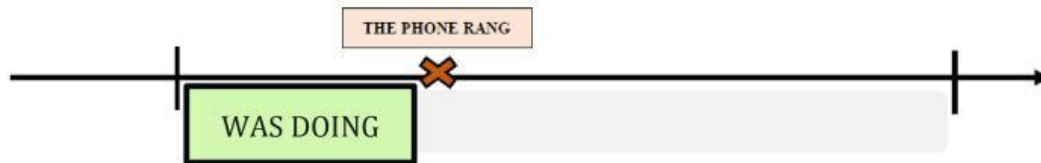
PROGRESS	SERIES	FINISHED
EXPERIENCES	INTERRUPTED	SAME TIME

Past Simple	Past Continuous
1) _____ ACTIONS IN THE PAST <i>Last weekend, mum <u>COOKED</u></i> a tasty meal for the family.	1) ACTIONS WHICH WERE IN _____ AT A SPECIFIC MOMENT IN THE PAST <i>Yesterday at 2 o'clock, mum <u>WAS COOKING</u></i> a tasty meal for the family.
2) FINISHED PAST _____ <i>When my grandma was young,</i> she <u>WORKED</u> as a nurse at the hospital.	2) A LONG ACTION _____ BY A SHORT ACTION I <u>WAS WORKING</u> in the garden when it started to rain.
3) A _____ OF PAST ACTIONS WHICH HAPPENED ONE AFTER ANOTHER Dad <u>ATE</u> breakfast, <u>GOT</u> dressed, <u>SAID</u> goodbye, then <u>DROVE</u> to work.	3) TWO ACTIONS HAPPENING AT THE _____ IN THE PAST Dad <u>WAS EATING</u> while mum <u>WAS CLEANING</u> the kitchen.

2. Read the sentences and answer the questions.

I was doing my homework when the phone rang.

While I was doing my homework, the phone rang.



1) Do **these sentences** mean the **same thing**? → yes / no

1) Which **action** is **longer**? → was doing / rang

2) Which **action** is **shorter**? → was doing / rang

3) What **tense** do we use for **the longer action**? → Past Simple / Past Continuous

4) What **tense** do we use for **the short action**? → Past Simple / Past Continuous

5) What **word** **introduces** the **short** action? → when / while

6) What **word** **introduces** the **long** action? → when / while

Now fill in the gaps with the correct form:

While I _____ (make) dinner, I _____ (cut) my finger.

I _____ (make) dinner when I _____ (cut) my finger.

I _____ (break) a vase while I _____ (clean) the living room.

While I _____ (clean) the living room, I _____ (break) a vase.

When I _____ (see) you on the street, you _____ (walk) your dog.

You _____ (walk) your dog when I _____ (see) you on the street.

3. Read the sentences and answer these questions:

I was doing my homework while my sister was listening to music.

While I was doing homework, my sister was listening to music.



- 1) Do **these sentences** mean the **same thing**? → yes / no
- 2) Were **these actions happening** at the **same time**? → yes / no
- 3) What **tense** do we use for **both** these actions? → Past Simple / Past Continuous
- 4) What **word** shows that the **actions** were **happening** at the **same time**? → when / while

While I _____ (make) dinner, my brother _____ (set) the table.

I _____ (make) dinner **while** my brother _____ (set) the table.

My dog _____ (play) outside **while** I _____ (listen) to music.

I _____ (listen) to music **while** my dog _____ (play) outside.