

Travel Worksheet: Past Continuous Tense for Describing Interrupted Actions

Name: _____

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Instructions: Complete the exercises below using the past continuous tense to describe interrupted actions in the past.

Part 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the past continuous tense of the verbs in parentheses.

1. While I _____ (explore) the city, it _____ (start) to rain.
 2. We _____ (take) a guided tour when the bus _____ (break) down.
 3. She _____ (take) pictures of the monuments while her friends _____ (shop) nearby.
 4. They _____ (enjoy) their dinner at the restaurant when the power _____ (go) out.
 5. He _____ (relax) on the beach when someone _____ (steal) his bag.
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Part 2: Choose the Correct Option

Select the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. We were having lunch when the tour guide _____ (was arriving / arrived).
 2. She _____ (was looking / looked) at the map while they were waiting for the train.
 3. The children _____ (were playing / played) at the park when it started to rain.
 4. I _____ (was walking / walked) around the city center when I met an old friend.
 5. They _____ (were booking / booked) their tickets when the website crashed.
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Part 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using the past continuous to show interrupted actions.

1. I visited the museum. I met some interesting people.

- While I _____, I _____.

2. She was eating lunch. Her phone rang.

- While she _____, _____.

3. They were hiking in the mountains. It started to snow.

- While they _____, _____.

4. We were watching a movie. The fire alarm went off.

- While we _____, _____.

5. He was reading a book. His friend called him.

- While he _____, _____.

Part 4: Travel Story

Write a short travel story (about 5-6 sentences) describing a situation where one action was interrupted by another. Use the past continuous tense in your story.

Part 5: Check Your Understanding

Answer these questions about the past continuous tense.

1. When do we use the past continuous tense?

- To describe actions that _____.

2. How do we form the past continuous tense?

- We use _____ + _____ + _____.

3. Give an example sentence using the past continuous tense to describe an interrupted action.

Answer Key (for teacher reference):

Part 1:

1. was exploring, started
2. were taking, broke
3. was taking, were shopping
4. were enjoying, went
5. was relaxing, stole

Part 2:

1. arrived
2. was looking
3. were playing
4. was walking
5. were booking

Part 3:

1. I was visiting the museum when I met some interesting people.
2. While she was eating lunch, her phone rang.
3. While they were hiking in the mountains, it started to snow.
4. While we were watching a movie, the fire alarm went off.
5. While he was reading a book, his friend called him.

Part 4: (Students' answers will vary. Ensure the past continuous is used correctly.)

Part 5:

1. To describe actions that were in progress when another action occurred.
2. was/were + verb + -ing
3. Example: While I was exploring the city, I bumped into an old friend.