

Childhood games and activities

PROGRESSION 7



There are childhood memories related to the games we used to play. Fun and collaborative activities that challenged us to solve puzzles, be strategic or activate our bodies. Do you remember the games you used to play?

There is a long and very well-known tradition of games in Mexico. You can identify games related to sports, such as soccer and baseball. There are traditional games that are still alive thanks to our parents' teachings, like "hide and seek" (*las escondidas*) or "hot potato" (*la papa caliente*). The youngest ones will remember the early digital games like Nintendo or Sega, even the famous arcade game machines (*maquinitas*).

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Look at the following pictures and write below each image the name of the game.

Fly a kite / Monopoly / Hide and Seek / Video games



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Ask the following questions to your classmates, and complete the table below. Mark with an "X" the type of game it corresponds.

- What kind of games did you use to play?
- What was your favorite game growing up?
- Do you still play those games?

Name of your classmate	Name of the game	Board game	Traditional game	Digital game	Sports game
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

Past progressive tense: affirmative form

We use the past progressive tense to talk about actions that happened during a continuous period of time in the past.



Subject + Was/Were + Verb (ing) + Object.

I was going to school.

She was sleeping with her cat on her bed.

They were jumping the rope in the garden.



The past progressive can be used:

1) To talk about what was happening at a particular time in the past:

- The movie started at 7:15, and ended at 9:30, so at 8:00 o'clock the girls were watching it. (They were in the process of watching the movie)



2) To talk about two actions that were in progress at the same time:

- While Karla and Victor were talking, the waitress was serving coffee.



3) To talk about an action that was in progress in the past and was interrupted by another past action:

- They were dancing at the party when the music stopped.



Remember, the past progressive is used to talk about something that happened before and after another action or at a specific time, or if it happened repetitively.

Complete the sentences using a suitable word from the box in past continuous.

wait work ride look explain play train watch sing chase

1. Yesterday, Lucia met her friend María when she her bike.
2. While the children, their neighbor came to complain about the noise.
3. Last week, Andrea found a rare specimen while she for insects.
4. Carmen's cat got hurt while it a mouse.
5. Last month, when Beto in the gym, he found a ring.
6. The teacher to the class when the students saw something strange on the cellphone.
7. Monica read the weather report while she for the bus.
8. It started to rain when the teams the anthem in the field.
9. When we our favorite show, the lights went out.
10. While Daniel was eating his lunch, I on my new project.



Reading

Read the following paragraph about Diana's typical day, and underline the sentences in past progressive. Then, answer the questions true or false.



Good morning! My name is Diana, and yesterday was a usual day. Between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m., I was having breakfast. I was still sleepy, but some orange juice helped me wake up. At 7:30, I left home to go to school with my father, who was driving his car. While we were on our way to school, I saw someone waving her hand to us on the sidewalk. It was Paula, so we stopped and asked her to get in the car.

We arrived at school at 8:00 a.m. When we went out to the yard for recess, I met Gloria. She was playing cards with her friends when suddenly a boy stepped on one of the cards and broke it. She was so sad! I helped her find a different place to play. School finished at 3:00 o'clock.

At 3:30 I was back at home. When I got there, my big sister was preparing dinner, and my mother was baking a cake. I went to bed early, at 8:00 p.m., because I was very tired.

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| 1. Diana was having breakfast between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. | True / False |
| 2. She left home at 7:30 a.m. | True / False |
| 3. Her father was driving a truck to school. | True / False |
| 4. Paula was waving her hand while Diana and her father were on their way to school. | True / False |
| 5. Diana arrived to school at 8:00 p.m. | True / False |
| 6. Gloria was playing chess when a boy broke one of the pieces. | True / False |
| 7. Diana got home at 3:00 p.m. | True / False |
| 8. Diana's sister was preparing lunch when she arrived from school. | True / False |