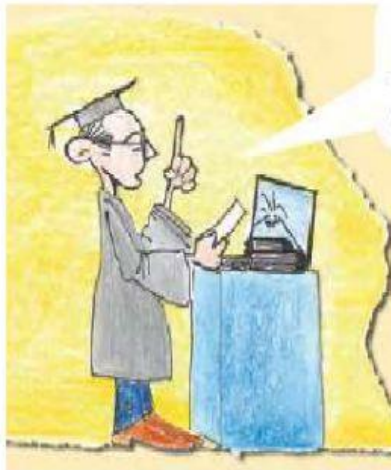


Language focus

Read the following examples. Match them with the appropriate use and complete the rule.



1. At the time of the eruption people **were screaming**.
2. Some children **were playing** in the streets when the earth started to shake.
3. While some people **were running**, others **were riding** away on horses.

We use the _____ to talk about:

- a. an action which was in progress when another action interrupted it.
- b. an action in progress at a specific time in the past.
- c. two or more actions happening at the same time in the past.

Match the pictures with the words.



talk



put loaves of
bread into
the oven



buy fruit at the
market



read the news on
the wall



play with small
stones



sell drinks

It was 12:00 noon on August 24th in Pompeii. Look at the pictures and say what was happening at that time.

1. Children _____ with small stones.
2. A woman _____ fruit at the market.
3. A baker _____ loaves of bread into the oven.
4. A shopkeeper _____ drinks.
5. Men _____.
6. Some people _____ the news written on the walls.

4.2 Look at this sentence.

- Scientists **poured** plaster into holes and **made** plaster casts of people and things.

There are two actions in the sentence. When did they happen?

- a. one after the other
- b. at the same time

What tense is used?



4.3 Now read the following sentences and circle the correct answer in the box.

- They **used to go** to baths to relax.
- They **used to watch** gladiators fight.

'used to + infinitive' is used:

- a. to describe a past habit.
- b. to describe a present habit.

4.4 Compare the following examples. Is there a difference in meaning?

- They **used to go** to baths to relax.
- They **went** to baths to relax.

Look at the pictures below and complete the sentences.



1. The Greek women _____ weave.
2. The Egyptians _____ gather grapes and make wine.
3. The Aztecs _____ take their children to school.
4. The Maya _____ play football.
5. The Romans _____ watch gladiators fight.