

Grammar 2

# PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

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# Introduction:

Write the -ing form of the verbs:

- a) Hit → Hitting
- b) Say →
- c) Lie →
- d) Sit →
- e) Put →
- f) Come →
- g) Hope →
- h) Run →
- i) Die →
- j) Have →



# Question 1

Look at the table. Then copy and complete the rules with **when** and **while**.

## Past continuous and past simple

I was sitting on my bed **when** I heard a noise.

I heard a noise **while** I was sitting on my bed.

Past simple

Past continuous

a) We usually use the past simple after .....

b) We usually use the past continuous after .....



## Question 2

Make sentences about Jay's family using the past simple and past continuous.

Question : His mum / cook / when / she / hear a shout.

Answer : His mum was cooking when she heard a shout.

1. His brother / eat / when / the lights / go out

Answer: His brother ..... when the lights ..... out.



2. His dad / walk down the street / when / the

ground / move

Answer: His dad ..... down the street

when the ground .....



### Past Continuous Tense

subject	was/were	verb + ing
I		singing
He	was	playing
She		reading
It		going
You		writing
We		
They	were	

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3. Jay's sister / talk to her friends / when / somebody / shout 'Earthquake!'.

Answer: Jay's sister ..... to her friends when somebody ..... 'Earthquake!'.



4. His grandparents / watch tv / when / everything fall off the shelves.

Answer: His grandparents ..... tv when everything ..... off the shelves.



## Question 3

Copy and complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

### Remember!

After while → Past Continuous  
(verb + ing)

After when → Past Simple



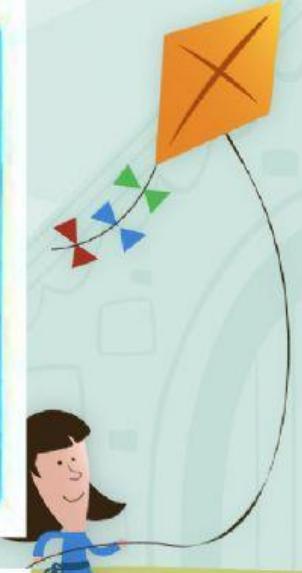
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Hi Ingrid!

We're having lots of adventures on our holiday. While we (1) ... (stay) at a campsite near a river, we (2) ... (have) a terrible experience. There (3) ... (be) a flood while we (4) ... (sleep). When we (5) ... (wake up), we (6) ... (be) wet.

Hope you're having a good summer!

Jack



1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

# Question 5 – Famous Disasters

Read the text and choose the correct words. Then answer the questions.

1 Dinosaurs (1) **lived** / **were living** on Earth when they suddenly (2) **disappeared** / **were disappearing**. Many scientists believe that a natural disaster killed them. How many years ago did it happen?

- a) 5 million
- b) 15 million
- c) 65 million

2 In the year 79 AD there was a terrible volcanic eruption near an Italian city. Many people were trying to escape (3) **while** / **when** they died. Where was it?

- a) Rome
- b) Pompeii
- c) Venice

3 In September of this year, London (4) **was** / **were** burning! The fire started by accident and it (5) **quick** / **quickly** destroyed large area of the city. What was the year?

- a) 1444
- b) 1555
- c) 1666



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On 1<sup>st</sup> November 1755, a terrible disaster destroyed the beautiful city of Lisbon in Portugal. However, the people (6) **were rebuilding / rebuilt** their city and made it beautiful again. What was the disaster?

a) an earthquake      b) a tornado      c) a flood



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On 15<sup>th</sup> April 1912, a ship was crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the USA when it (7) **sudden / suddenly** hit an iceberg. The ship sank. What was the ship name?

a) The Golden Hind      b) The Titanic  
c) The Santa Maria



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