

# SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

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Read the examples.

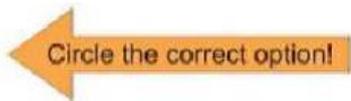
<p><b>A</b></p> <p>- I <b>was walking</b> home when I met Dave. - Ann <b>was watching</b> TV when the phone rang.</p> <p>In the middle of an action</p>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p>- I <b>walked</b> home after the party last night. - Ann <b>watched</b> TV a lot when she was ill last year.</p> <p>Complete action</p>
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Example of past continuous

**A**   **B**

Example of simple past

**A**   **B**



**A. When are you going to use past continuous? Read the examples and write the rule**

<p>- A: What <b>were</b> they <b>doing</b> at 10.30 a.m? B: They <b>were playing</b> tennis.</p>	<p>Rule: .....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>- Tom burnt his hand when he <b>was cooking</b> dinner. - They <b>were skiing</b> when the storm started.</p>	<p>Rule: .....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>- While I <b>was watching</b> TV, my wife <b>was talking</b> on the phone. - Cristian <b>was reading</b> a book while Janet <b>was writing</b> a letter.</p>	<p>Rule: .....</p> <p>.....</p>

**B. Put the verb in the correct form: Past Simple or Past Continuous.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (dream) when the alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ (go off).
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
3. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) while I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go out) last Sunday because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Kim at the party. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a new dress.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) a bowl this morning. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes it just \_\_\_\_\_ (slip) out of my hand onto the floor!
7. When he \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) the table, he \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) a sharp pain in his back.
8. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (go) down the stairs when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go out).
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV when someone \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the door and \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) very loudly.
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) at this time yesterday? Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the dinner.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep while I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television.
12. At 12:45 yesterday, Mr Alright \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a client in his office.