

# Past simple or Past Continuous?

## Remember!

1. **Event 1 (continuous)** is interrupted by **event 2 (simple)**:  
I **was reading** when my mum **called** me.
2. **Background information (continuous)** supports **main event/action (simple)**:  
The sun **was shining** as/while/when I **walked** to school.
3. Something that was happening at a specific time in the past:  
"What **were you doing** at 8am this morning?" "I **was showering**."
4. We often use the words AS, WHILE, and WHEN with past continuous.

1. When my teacher  into the class, she   
**WALK/SMILE**
2. "Why are you so wet?!" "It  to rain while I  for the bus!" **START/WAIT**
3. "I  you at 5pm yesterday, but you didn't answer!" "Oh! Sorry, I  in the garden." **CALL/PLAY**
4. Terry  and , when he suddenly  off the bed. **SLEEP/DREAM/FALL**
5. We  to the beach on Sunday because it . **NOT GO/RAIN**
6. My dad  lunch when I  home from school. **COOK/GET**
7. Margie  some old photographs of her sister when she  her bedroom. **FIND/CLEAN**
8. The girl  to her mum and  her dinner when she suddenly . "Oh no! I forgot to do my homework!" **TALK/EAT/STOP**
9. The dragon slowly  its head and  at the knight. He  his sword high and  scared. The dragon . **LIFT/STARE/HOLD/LOOK/SPEAK**