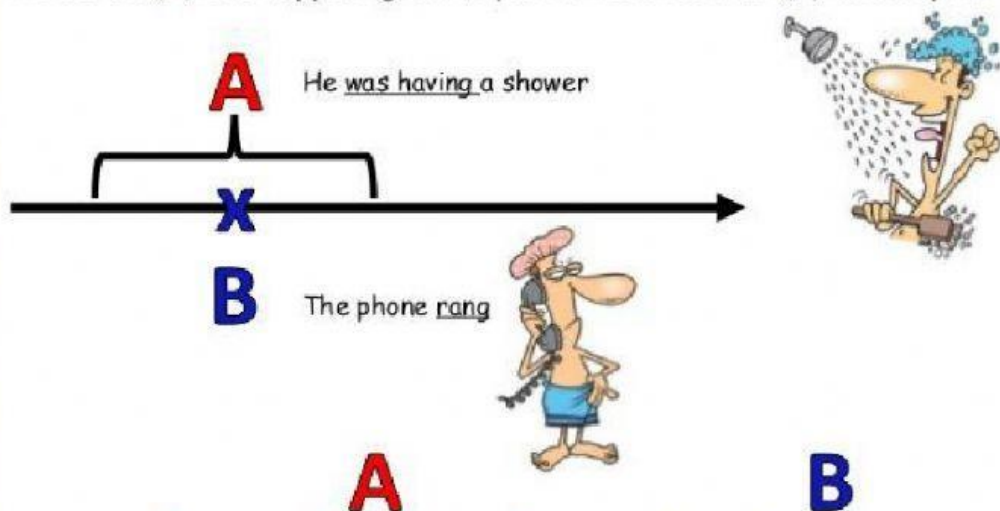


Past continuous-Past simple

An action (A) was happening in the past when an action (B) interrupted



WHILE he was having a shower, the the phone rang
He was having a shower, WHEN the the phone rang

Past simple, past continuous, past perfect

I. Past Simple Past Continuous exercises. Write the words in brackets in Past Simple or Past Continuous Tense.

- I (watch) TV when she (call) me.
- He (jump) into the river and (rescue) the drowning man.
- I (see) my first baseball match while I (live) in New York.
- We (ring) the police because the neighbors (play) the music very loud.
- He (write) the whole homework during the lunch break.
- We (play) in the garden when it (start) to rain.
- He (meet) his girlfriend when he (live) in London.

8. While I (work) in the hospital I (decide) to give up smoking.
9. It (rain) the whole day so we (decide) to stay at home.
10. The sun (shine) so we (decide) to go for a walk.

II. Past Continuous vs Past Simple exercise. Fill in the gaps with the words in brackets in Past Continuous or Past Simple Tense.

1. When the war out we in Warsaw. (break / live)
2. It to rain when we . (begin / start)
3. While I to the concert somebody at the door. (listen/ knock)
4. When they in that house she very ill. (live / be)
5. We just for Mary when John . (wait / come)
6. They wine every day when they in France. (drink / be)
7. She very quickly when the accident . (drive / happened)
8. We dinner when he . (have / arrive)
9. They tennis when we there. (play / get)
10. She a pink summer frock when I her yesterday. (wear / meet)
11. The telephone while I my bath. (ring / have)
12. My son his knee badly when he his bicycle yesterday. (hurt / ride)
13. While the scientist in his laboratory a friend to see him. (work / come)
14. When the farmer wheat he many airplanes in the sky. (sow / see)
15. At half past nine she still her homework. (do)
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