



## LESSON:

### Past continuous vs past simple

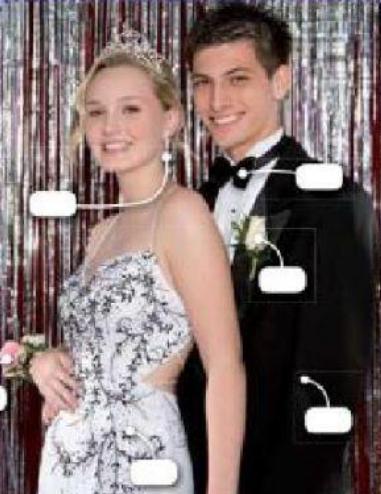
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#### 1. Match these words and phrases to the items in the picture. Use numbers.

1 tuxedo (US) / dinner jacket (UK)	2 bow tie	3 corsage	4 buttonhole	5 long dress / ballgown
6 tie	7 vest (US) / waistcoat (UK)	8 earrings	9 necklace	10 limo

# Prom Stories

Bend us your unforgettable prom moments



I was hoping for the best night of my life, but it turned out very different. When I arrived at the prom with my date in a limo, I was feeling fantastic. But when I walked through the door, I saw my classmate Jennifer and things changed. We were wearing identical blue dresses! It was terrible! But the worst part was this: I was dancing with some friends when suddenly somebody grabbed me from behind and kissed me. It was Jennifer's date. He thought I was Jennifer – the same dress and blonde hair confused him. It was SO EMBARRASSING!

Twin Laura



It was prom night and I was almost ready. I felt great in my fabulous long pink and white dress. While I was finishing off my make-up, the doorbell rang. It was my date. I heard my parents opening the door for him. I quickly put on my high heel shoes and left my room to meet him downstairs. He looked gorgeous and I started to walk down the stairs to greet him. Shortly after that, the most embarrassing thing happened to me! I tripped and fell all the way down the stairs. There was no high school prom for me that night. Instead, I had to go to the hospital! I broke my leg!

Disappointed Daisy

**2. Read the comments above and answer T(true) or F(false). ( Leer los comentarios de arriba y responder verdadero o falso)**

1 [ ] Laura's date kissed her at the prom.  
 2 [ ] Laura and her classmate were wearing identical dresses.  
 3 [ ] Daisy fell over while she was walking towards her date's car.  
 4 [ ] Daisy went to the prom with her date.  
 5 [ ] Both Daisy and Laura felt embarrassed.

**Useful Tip > Vocabulary**

**Prom** (US), short for 'promenade', or **grad** (UK), short for 'graduate', is a formal party organised for senior high school students at the end of their last school year.

Note: The term 'prom' is becoming more common in the UK.



## Past Continuous vs. Simple Past

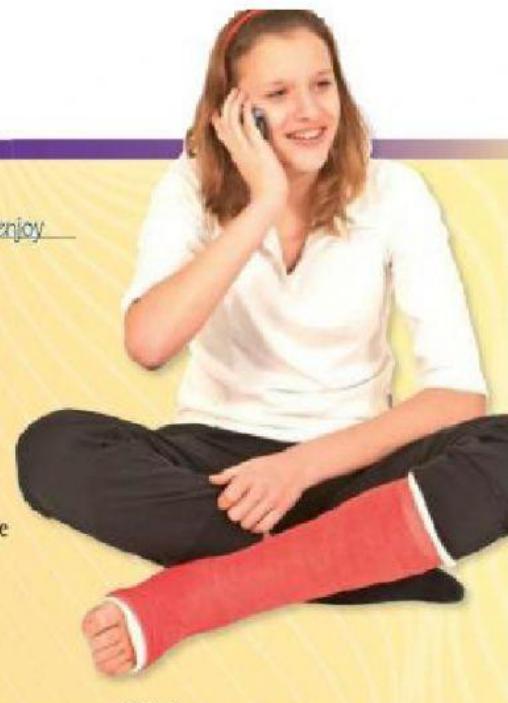
We use the *Past Continuous* to express a long action. And we use the *Simple Past* to express a short action that interrupts the long one. We can join the two ideas with *when* or *while*.

*While we were dancing in the park, it started to rain.*  
*She was getting dressed when the door bell rang.*



### 3. Read this phone conversation and fill in the blanks saying the correct form (Past Continuous or Past Simple) of the verbs in brackets.

(Leer la conversación y completar los espacios diciendo la forma correcta del verbo)



Daisy Hello.  
Anna Daisy, it's Anna here. Tell me about last night. [1] Did you enjoy (enjoy) the prom?  
Daisy I [2] \_\_\_\_\_ (not - go) to the prom.  
Anna Why not?  
Daisy I [3] \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an accident.  
Anna An accident? What sort of accident?  
Daisy You know, I [4] \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ready to go to the prom when Josh [5] \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) and waited for me downstairs. I [6] \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him from the top of the stairs and he [7] \_\_\_\_\_ (look) absolutely gorgeous. He [8] \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black dinner jacket.  
Anna And then what [9] \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?  
Daisy While I [10] \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down the stairs, I [11] \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise and then I [12] \_\_\_\_\_ (trip) and [13] \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) all the way down. It was really horrible!  
Anna Oh, no! [14] \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) yourself?  
Daisy My leg [15] \_\_\_\_\_ (ache) a lot and then my dad [16] \_\_\_\_\_ (take) me to the hospital. I [17] \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my leg. So no prom night for me!  
Anna Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that.

### 4. Listen to Steve talking about his prom night and choose the correct option.

1. Steve discovered that the \_\_\_\_\_ working well.
2. It took Steve \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to repair it.
3. When he was \_\_\_\_\_ one of the cables, the lights went out.
4. Steve \_\_\_\_\_ a very popular student on that prom night.

**5. Tick the correct option.**

- 1 He was watching  watched  TV when I phoned  was phoning  him this morning.
- 2 Mum cooked  was cooking  dinner when she heard  was hearing  the phone ring.
- 3 When Nathan was seeing  saw  Julia for the first time, she was running  ran  in the park.
- 4 When you were calling  called  me, I had  was having  a shower.
- 5 While Peter helped  was helping  his mum in the kitchen, his brother was watching  watched  a sitcom on TV.

**6. Finish these sentences with your own ideas.**

1. While I was getting back home yesterday evening,.....
2. Last night I was talking to the phone when.....
3. Yesterday while I was sleeping,.....

