

## 2 What's The Story?

### ACTIVITY 6 – PRACTICE ONLINE: PAST CONTINUOUS / PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

**INTRODUCTION:** VIDEO EXPLAINING THE PAST CONTINUOUS (WATCH UP TO MINUTE 6)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNeifsglUxU>

1- WHEN DO WE **USE** PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS?

**MOVE** THE EXAMPLE SENTENCES UNDER THE CORRECT TITLES:

I WAS HAVING DINNER WHEN I SUDDENLY HEARD THE NEWS

WHILE MY BROTHERS WERE WATCHING A FILM, I WAS HAVING A LIVE INSTAGRAM GYM CLASS

LUCKILY IT WASN'T RAINING LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

#### PAST CONTINUOUS

- FOR ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST.

- FOR TWO OR MORE ACTIONS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME IN THE PAST.

#### PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE

- FOR ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST WHEN ANOTHER THING HAPPENED/INTERRUPTED.

2- HOW DO WE **FORM** THE PAST CONTINUOUS? **MOVE** THE WORDS TO THE CORRECT PLACE.

VERB-ING

WEREN'T

WAS

-I/HE/SHE/IT +  + VERB -ING... **AFFIRMATIVE FORM**

-YOU/WE/THEY + WERE + VERB -ING...



-I/HE/SHE/IT + WASN'T + VERB -ING... **NEGATIVE FORM**

-YOU/WE/THEY +  + VERB -ING...



(WH-) WAS + I/HE/SHE/IT + VERB -ING... ? **INTERROGATIVE FORM**

(WH-) WERE + YOU/WE/THEY + .



3- READ ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF HENRY AND ISADORA. CHOOSE THE CORRECT NAME TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.



## Tomorrow's stars

**★ Henry Cue**

I'm a pupil at Redgrave School of Performing Arts. I love singing and dancing. I started dance lessons when I was six. My mum and aunty are both brilliant dancers. Actually, my aunty taught me. I also really enjoy acting. Last week I was performing in a theatre in London. It was really scary. I had the biggest role in the play and I was away from home for the first time!



**★ Isadora Fox**

I'm fifteen years old and go to Willow School of Music. It's in London and a short walk from my house. I love singing and my sister plays the guitar. We're in a band together. Our band won a special music prize a week ago. I couldn't believe it! Most of my friends at school want to be famous actors on TV, but not me! I don't want to be in front of a TV camera.



- a- \_\_\_\_\_ goes to school in London.
- b- \_\_\_\_\_ was performing in a theatre in London last week.
- c- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't like being in front of cameras.
- d- \_\_\_\_\_ won a prize a week ago.
- e- \_\_\_\_\_ had the most important role in a play.

4- COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN PAST CONTINUOUS IN THE CORRECT FORM.

- a- James **wasn't playing** (not play) the guitar yesterday night. He was studying.
- b- What \_\_\_\_\_ (your sisters / do) last Sunday afternoon?
- c- \_\_\_\_\_ (you / sing) in the shower some minutes ago?
- d- Sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen). What did you say?
- e- Jessica \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a Zoom class at 10 am this morning.
- f- He \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) at a terrible joke an hour ago.



5- PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS: WATCH THE SHORT ANIMATED FILM 'THE PRESENT'

CLICKING ON THE LINK AND DO THE QUIZ ON THE RIGHT OF THE VIDEO.



<https://eslvideo.com/quiz.php?id=34741>



The screenshot shows the ESL Video website interface. On the left is a video player for 'The Present' featuring a young boy. On the right is a quiz section titled '@Quiz' with the instruction: 'Complete the sentences below using the simple past or past continuous verb tense.' The quiz contains three questions:

1. One day Jack \_\_\_\_\_ video games when his mom \_\_\_\_\_ home from work.  
 a) played / was coming  
 b) was playing / came
2. His mom had a box and she \_\_\_\_\_ the box in front of Jack.  
 a) was putting  
 b) put
3. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the box. There was a puppy

QUIZ

6- PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (Remember: one action was in progress when another thing happened).

- a- Oliver **was having** (have) a shower **when he got** (get) a notification.
- b- We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) an action film **when we** \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a bang outside.
- c- Kieran and Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (find) an old violin **while they** \_\_\_\_\_ (look) in their grandparents' attic.
- d- I \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) outside the theatre **when I** \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my favourite actor.
- e- Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (not dance) **when she** \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) her leg.
- f- **When we** \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the concert, the band \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the first song.

7- 'A BRILLIANT ART EXHIBITION': LISTEN AND PUT A TICK ONLY IN THE TRUE SENTENCES.



- a- They were getting bored of going to exhibitions.
- b- Her friend suggested a new art exhibition in town.
- c- A lady was giving microphones to the people at the exhibition.
- d- The music changed when they stopped at a different painting.
- e- The girls said the exhibition wasn't boring.

