

# PAST CONTINUOUS or SIMPLE



**AFFIRMATIVE**

**S + was/were + V-ing**



**NEGATIVE**

**S + was/were not + V-ing**



**INTERROGATIVE**

**Was/Were + S + V-ing**

## Past Continuous for interruptions



Use the past continuous to describe an unfinished activity that was interrupted by another action in the past.



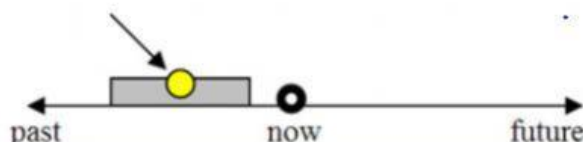
Dad **was watching** television when the phone **rang**.

Harry **was waiting** for the bus when it **started** to rain.

Past continuous

Past simple

Bob **was listening** to music when his mother **came** into his room.



1. Use your ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

1. Bob **broke** his leg while he... was climbing ...a ladder to pick an Apple.
2. The doorbell **rang** while I .....
3. Peter **fell** from his chair while we .....
4. The radio **was on** but nobody .....
5. Dad **saw** a car accident while he .....
6. We **met** Tom at the airport while we .....

2. We use the past continuous to talk about actions that were happening in the past (past continuous) and interrupted by another action (past simple). Build the sentences below in the past continuous with the verbs in the box. Match them with the pictures.

wait (x3) - arrive - get - bake - iron - ring - shine - start - play - come - drive - happen - see - try - jog - meet - see (x2) - drink - hear (x3) - walk - wash - start - put - burn - sheep - go - rain - wear - break - do - cut - chop

1. My grandparents **were waiting** for me when I **arrived** at home..
2. Daddy ..... his car when it ..... to rain cats and dogs.
3. Grandma ..... when the doorbell .....
4. I ..... my dog when suddenly I ..... footsteps behind me.
5. I ..... Tom at the railway station as he ..... for his train.
6. I ..... yesterday when I ..... George who ..... for his bus.
7. I ..... a cup of tea when I ..... A loud bang.
8. I last ..... Julia when she ..... to find a job.
9. Last night I ..... in bed when suddenly I ..... a loud noise.
10. Last week I ..... my finger when I ..... wood.
11. My brother ..... the guitar when daddy ..... home. .
12. The baker ..... his bread in the oven when he ..... his finger.
13. The sun ..... when it ..... to rain..
14. We ..... too fast when the accident .....
15. We ..... (not) to the cinema because it ..... raining.
16. When I ..... home, Mum ..... bread..
17. When I ..... Jenny at the party she ..... an amazing pink dress.
18. Yesterday I ..... a plate while I ..... the washing up.

