

Past Simple and Past Continuous

We use past simple and past continuous to talk about an action in the past that was interrupted by another action in the past.

Past Continuous Structure: *Subject + was/were + verb-ing*

Example: *I was sitting.*

A) Instructions: Write the correct form of these irregular verbs in **Past Simple**.

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| Go: _____ | Eat: _____ | Leave: _____ |
| Have: _____ | Do: _____ | Think: _____ |
| See: _____ | Find: _____ | Lose: _____ |
| Come: _____ | Get: _____ | Put: _____ |
| Run: _____ | Hear: _____ | Say: _____ |

B) Instructions: Use the subject and the verb to make sentences in **Past Continuous**. (Look at the structure at the top of the worksheet).

1. I / go / to the supermarket: *I was going to the supermarket* _____
2. You / run / in the park: _____
3. He / play / with his friend: _____
4. Angela / read / a short story: _____
5. We / study / for the exam: _____
6. They / listen / to music: _____
7. She / think / about her dog: _____
8. Sammi and Joey / have / dinner: _____

C) Instructions: Look at the pictures and put the numbers next to the correct vocabulary words.

Thunderstorm ____

Avalanche ____

Volcanic Eruption ____

Earthquake ____

Heatwave ____

Lightning ____

Flood ____

Snowfall ____

Hurricane ____

Tsunami ____



D) Instructions: Complete the sentences by writing the correct form of the verb in brackets with **Past Simple** or **Past Continuous**.

Example: I was sitting (sit) on the bus when the earthquake started (start).

1. I _____ (study) for my exam when I _____ (hear) thunder.
2. We _____ (play) in the yard when the flood _____ (happen).
3. When the volcanic eruption _____ (happen), she _____ (read) a book in her bedroom.
4. You _____ (watch) a movie when you _____ (see) the first snowfall!
5. They _____ (swim) at the beach when the tsunami _____ (come).
6. What _____ you _____ (do) when the hurricane _____ (start)?

E) Instructions: Make your own sentences using the structure from Exercise D.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____