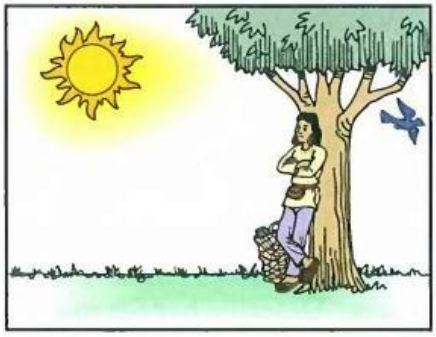


1st: Rita stood under a tree.



2nd: It began to rain.

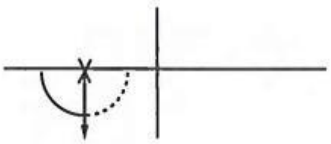
SCENE 2: _____

2-7 Simple Past



(a) I *walked* to school yesterday. (b) John *lived* in Paris for ten years, but now he lives in Rome. (c) I *bought* a new car three days ago.	The simple past indicates that an activity or situation *began and ended at a particular time in the past.*
(d) Rita *stood* under a tree *when it began to rain.* (e) *When Mrs. Chu heard a strange noise,* she *got* up to investigate. (f) *When I dropped my cup,* the coffee *spilled* on my lap.	If a sentence contains ***when*** and has the simple past in both clauses, the action in the *when*-clause happens first. In (d): 1st: The rain began. 2nd: Rita stood under a tree.

2-8 Past Progressive



(g) I *was walking* down the street when it began to rain. (h) While I *was walking* down the street, it began to rain. (i) Rita *was standing* under a tree when it began to rain. (j) At eight o'clock last night, I *was studying*.	In (g): 1st: I was walking down the street. 2nd: It began to rain. Both actions occurred at the same time, but *one action began earlier and was in progress when the other action occurred.* In (j): My studying began before 8:00, was in progress at that time, and probably continued.
(k) While I *was studying* in one room of our apartment, my roommate *was having* a party in the other room.	Sometimes the past progressive is used in both parts of a sentence when two actions are in progress simultaneously.

❑ Exercise 26. Let's talk. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Choose the question or statement you would expect the speaker to say. Discuss your answers. Work in pairs, in small groups, or as a class.

1. When I went to bed late last night, I noticed that the light was on in your bedroom.
   a. Were you reading? b. Did you read?

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2. Jane's cousin was at the party last night.
   a. Were you meeting him? b. Did you meet him?

3. A small airplane flew over our house several times last night.
   a. We were sitting out on the patio, and it made us nervous.
   b. We sat out on the patio, and it made us nervous.

4. I'm not sure if I met Carol Jones at the party last night. Describe her for me.
   a. What was she wearing? b. What did she wear?

Exercise 27. Looking at grammar. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Complete the sentences. Use the simple past or the past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (*sit*) _was sitting_ in class at this exact same time yesterday.

2. I (*call*) _____ Roger at nine last night, but he (*be, not*) _____ at home. He (*study*) _____ at the library.

3. I (*hear, not*) _____ the thunder during the storm last night because I (*sleep*) _____.

4. It was beautiful yesterday when we went for a walk in the park. The sun (*shine*) _____. A cool breeze (*blow*) _____. The birds (*sing*) _____.

5. My brother and sister (*argue*) _____ about something when I (*walk*) _____ into the room.

6. I got a package in the mail. When I (*open*) _____ it, I (*find*) _____ a surprise.

7. While Mrs. Emerson (*read*) _____ the little boy a story, he (*fall*) _____ asleep, so she (*close*) _____ the book and quietly (*sneak*) _____ out of the room.

8. A: (*you, hear*) _____ what the teacher just said?

   B: No, I (*listen, not*) _____. I (*think*) _____ about something else.

9. I really enjoyed my last vacation. While it (*snow*) _____ in Iowa, the sun (*shine*) _____ in Florida. While you (*shovel*) _____ snow in Iowa all last week, I (*lie*) _____ on a beach in Florida.

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