

# MY FIRST WHITE CHRISTMAS!



## PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS.

Use **Past Simple** to describe a past action that is already finished.

Certain verbs can only be used with Past Simple: (state, possession, feelings...)

Use Past continuous for:

- An action in progress in the past.
- Backgrounds.
- Emphasising progress.

When there are two simultaneous actions in the past, we use both Past S. and Past C.

In that case, we use **past simple** for the action that was finished and **past continuous** for the action that was happening before the another action happened.

E.g. I was watching a film when you came.



I was watching a film      You came

**WHEN+ PAST SIMPLE: WHILE + PAST CONT.**

**A.** Write the words in brackets in the Past Simple or Past Continuous tense.

1. I ..... (drink) a Coke at a restaurant when you ..... (come).
2. I ..... (watch) the news when you suddenly ..... (enter).
3. It ..... (be) a cold winter night and somebody ..... (stroll around) the house.
4. We ..... (go) downstairs at the same time you ..... (sing) a song.
5. They ..... (not move) while you ..... (do) the revision.
6. My sister and I ..... (be) very good students, that's why our parents ..... (give) us a present.
7. While Father Christmas ..... (land) on my roof, you ..... (have dinner).
8. At 9:00 p.m I ..... (do) the duties and shortly after that, you ..... (come back) home.
9. They ..... (see) Santa while he ..... (give) presents to children.
10. I ..... (open) my present while you ..... (open) yours.
11. We ..... (eat) a candy cane when Santa ..... (give) us another.

**B.** Complete the text with the suitable Past Simple or Past Continuous form.

Hi! My name is Michael and I'm going to tell you a story, my story. It ..... (happen) to me while I ..... (stay) during the Christmas holidays at home. We ..... (have dinner) with my family when suddenly, I ..... (see) something on the window. It ..... (be) a cold night, and it ..... (be) a hard winter, because temperatures ..... (be) very low. I ..... (realise) there ..... (be) a note. I ..... (not know) what ..... (be) that, maybe, only a joke, but suddenly, I ..... (see) a kind of sledge with some reindeers. It ..... (can not) be possible, it ..... (be) Santa! Shortly after that, I ..... (tell) my parents I had seen Santa Claus, but they ..... (tell) that it might be a shadow. When I ..... (turn) my head, the sledge had disappeared. I ..... (guess) that he had come while we ..... (have dinner). I ..... (suffer) from anxiety, because I had seen Santa. I ..... (leave) time to time and the following day, I ..... (weak up) and I ..... (see) how Santa had brought all the presents. I ..... (be) very happy.

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