

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 other action happened.

E.g. I was watching a film when 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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