

Past simple or Past Continuous?

Remember!

1. **Event 1 (continuous)** is interrupted by **event 2 (simple)**:
I **was reading** when my mum **called** me.
2. **Background information (continuous)** supports **main event/action (simple)**:
The sun **was shining** as/while/when I **walked** to school.
3. Something that was happening at a specific time in the past:
"What **were you doing** at 8am this morning?" "I **was showering**."
4. We often use the words AS, WHILE, and WHEN with past continuous.

1. When my teacher into the class, she
WALK/SMILE
2. "Why are you so wet?!" "It to rain while I for the bus!" **START/WAIT**
3. "I you at 5pm yesterday, but you didn't answer!" "Oh! Sorry, I in the garden." **CALL/PLAY**
4. Terry and , when he suddenly off the bed. **SLEEP/DREAM/FALL**
5. We to the beach on Sunday because it . **NOT GO/RAIN**
6. My dad lunch when I home from school. **COOK/GET**
7. Margie some old photographs of her sister when she her bedroom. **FIND/CLEAN**
8. The girl to her mum and her dinner when she suddenly . "Oh no! I forgot to do my homework!" **TALK/EAT/STOP**
9. The dragon slowly its head and at the knight. He his sword high and scared. The dragon . **LIFT/STARE/HOLD/LOOK/SPEAK**