

# The Pursuit of Happyness: Simple Past x Past Continuous

Today let's talk about compound sentences.

One sentence is SIMPLE PAST, and the other one is PAST CONTINUOUS.

It happens when one action was happening, but it was interrupted by another one.

For example,

I was talking on the phone when my mother told me off.  
When my mother told me off, I was talking on the phone.



Let's see. Today we are going to watch a scene of a very famous film, and work with it. Do you know this movie? it's name is The Pursuit of Happiness. Do you like it? Let's talk about this.

1) Chris \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) burgers for breakfast when his landlord \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on his door.

2) The police \_\_\_\_\_ (arrest) Chris when he \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the house.

3) Chris \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) some parking tickets when the officer \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him he was supposed to spend the night in jail.

4) When Chris \_\_\_\_\_ (call) his ex-wife, she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) hard.

5) When he \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the elevator, he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to button up his jacket.

6) He \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in the waiting room when the secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (call) out his name.

7) When he \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through the office, businesspeople \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone, \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) very loudly, and \_\_\_\_\_ (work) a lot.

8) The Board \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for Chris when the secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (announce) him.

