

Unit 26 Lesson 2

Travel adventures



Past continuous

Let's take a closer look.

Look at the past continuous tense in **bold**.

We use the past continuous tense to talk about something that was happening at a particular point in the past.

Sami started to feel seasick while he **was traveling** on a boat to the Great Barrier Reef.

Here are some more examples of an event in progress at a particular point in the past.

When we arrived at the restaurant, David **was eating** a pizza.

We **were playing** a game when the dog jumped on the table.



Past continuous

Study the form of the past continuous.



positive	negative
I was walking.	I wasn't walking.
You were running.	You weren't running.
He / she / it was flying.	He / she / it wasn't flying.
We were talking.	We weren't talking.
You were listening.	You weren't listening.
They were eating.	They weren't eating.

Practice

Complete the sentences with a verb in the past continuous.



eat

swim

sleep

take off

visit

live

1. Kate _____ in the pool when her phone rang.
2. I _____ when someone knocked on the door.
3. A suitcase fell from the compartment when the plane _____.
4. We _____ Paris when we heard the bad news.
5. Jane and Mi Hun _____ outside the cafe when it started to rain.
6. Mom visited me two times when I _____ in Rome.

How we use the past continuous

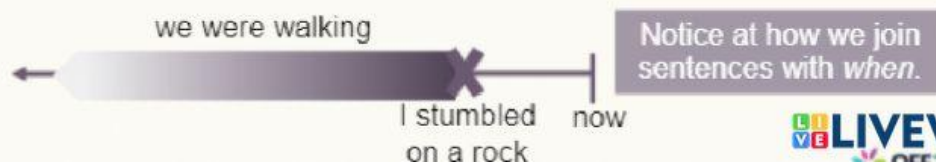
Look at how we use the past continuous.

We use the past continuous to describe one ongoing longer action interrupted by another action.

I **was sleeping** when the thunder woke me up.



We **were walking** on the beach when I stumbled on a rock.



Background events

We often use the past continuous to describe events and actions that were happening in the background.



We use the past continuous to describe a scene at the start of a story.

Our first day on vacation was amazing. The sun was shining. Josh and Alicia were building a sandcastle. Other children were playing limbo. Everyone was having fun, and I decided to go for a swim.

What happened next?



Complete the next part of Alison's story with the past continuous or past simple. Then, listen and check.



Unfortunately, while he _____ (park) the car, he _____ (hit) the tree..! We both felt shaken but fortunately, there wasn't any damage to the car.

After some strong coffee, Mark _____ (drive) back onto the highway. We _____ (drive) along enjoying the view when I suddenly _____ (realize) we were on the wrong side of the road. I _____ (scream) at Mark, and he swerved onto the other side of the road..! After a shaky start, we _____ (spend) the rest of the day visiting several beautiful beaches along the coast and having a wonderful time.

Joe and Simone were hiking

Joe and Simone were going to meet their friends at the campsite. What went wrong? Use the images and text to help you.



My misadventure

Talk about a time when something went wrong for you.

Where were you going?

How were you traveling?

What happened? What was the problem?

Did someone help you? What did you do
to fix the problem?

What happened in the end?

