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SIMPLE PAST VS PAST CONTINUOUS

PAST SIMPLE

We use the **Past Simple** to:
*talk about a simple finished action in the past.
E.g I **bought** a jumper yesterday
*talk about repeated actions in the past.
E.g I **phoned** you five times last night
*talk about a sequence of events in the past.
E.g I **unlocked** the door, **opened** it and **turned on** the light.

We don't normally use the continuous form with feeling verbs, thinking verbs or sense verbs.
We **DON'T USE** the continuous form with the verbs **be, belong, contain**, **cost** or **own**

PAST CONTINUOUS

We use the **Past Continuous** to:
*describe a scene in the past
E.g it **was raining** and there **was** nobody **walking** in the street.
*describe an action that was interrupted by another.
E.g. We **were talking** until the teacher came into the classroom.

WHEN / WHILE

We can use either **when or while** before the **Past Continuous**. E.g. The taxi arrived **when / while** I was saying `goodbye´ to my parents.
We don't use **while** before the **Past Simple.**
We can use **when**. Eg. I was saying `goodbye´ to my parents **when** the taxi arrived.

1-Match the sentences 1 and 2 to A and B

A- 1-When Alice arrived, we read the story.
2-When Alice arrived, we were reading the story.

a- We started reading the story before Alice .....
b- Alice brought the story .....

B- 1-I was listening to the concert when she arrived.
2-I listened to the concert when she arrived.

a- Her arrival interrupted my listening to the concert ....
b- We started listening to the concert .....

C-1-The kids were laughing when they heard the story.
2-The kids laughed when they heard the story

a- The kids were having fun before they heard the story..
b- The story made the kids laugh .....

2- Read the text and choose the correct option.

It was dark a night. We **were running / ran** in the street **when/ while** we heard a loud noise. We **were stopping/ stopped** and **were looking/ looked** into different directions, but we couldn't see anything. All of a sudden, the lights **were going/ went** on and we **were seeing / saw** an old tree that has fallen across te street. We **were feeling / felt** very relieved.

3- Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- **Example:** ***We were having dinner (have) when my father arrived (arrive)***

1- I _____ **(study)** last night when he _____ **(call)** me.

2- Who _____ you _____ **(speak)** to when I _____ **(come)** in?

3- We _____ **(go)** to Bath when we _____ **(visit)** England.

4- He _____ **(get)** annoyed because they _____ **(interrupt)** him.

5- It _____ **(snow)** when I _____ **(leave)** home.