

STORY:

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

We often use the **PAST SIMPLE** and the **PAST CONTINUOUS** in stories. They are usually combined with the words **when** or **while**. The **Past Continuous** is the action in progress that is interrupted by the main action in the **Simple Past**. The **Simple Past** shows an action or an event that happened in the middle of the longer action expressed by the **Past Continuous**.

Activity: complete the story using Past Simple or Past Continuous.

Mark is usually late for school on Mondays. Last Monday, he
(1)_____ (get up) at 7:10 and his class started at 7:30! He
(2)_____ (watch) TV while he
(3)_____ (have) breakfast and suddenly he
(4)_____ (notice) that it was really very late.

He (5)_____ (get ready) for school when his phone
(6)_____ (ring). It (7)_____ (be) his best friend telling him not to
forget his football boots for the match after lunch. Outside the house, his mum
(8)_____ (wait) for him in their car. When he
(9)_____ (get) into the car, he (10) _____ (notice)
that she (11)_____ (be) very angry.

Finally, he (12)_____ (arrive) at school at 7.30
and he (13)_____ (run) to his classroom. When his classmates
(14)_____ (see) him, they (15) _____
(start) to laugh. At that moment he realized he (16)_____ (wear) his
slippers. That (17)_____ (be) really embarrassing!