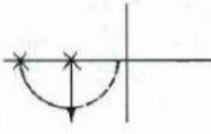


## 2-8 THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

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| THE SIMPLE PAST<br>      | (a) Mary <b>walked</b> downtown yesterday.<br>(b) I <b>slept</b> for eight hours last night.  | The SIMPLE PAST is used to talk about an activity or situation that began and ended at a particular time in the past (e.g., yesterday, last night, two days ago, in 1999), as in (a) and (b).  |
| THE PAST PROGRESSIVE<br> | (c) I sat down at the dinner table at 6:00 P.M. yesterday. Tom came to my house at 6:10 P.M. I <b>was eating</b> dinner <i>when Tom came</i> .<br>(d) I went to bed at 10:00. The phone rang at 11:00. I <b>was sleeping</b> <i>when the phone rang</i> . | The PAST PROGRESSIVE expresses an activity that was in progress (was occurring, was happening) at a point of time in the past (e.g., at 6:10) or at the time of another action (e.g., when Tom came).<br>In (c): eating was in progress at 6:10; eating was in progress when Tom came.<br>FORM: <b>was/were + -ing</b> . |
| (e) <i>When the phone rang</i> , I was sleeping.<br>(f) The phone rang <i>while I was sleeping</i> .      | <b>when</b> = at that time<br><b>while</b> = during that time<br>(e) and (f) have the same meaning.   |  |

## 2-9 FORMS OF THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

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| STATEMENT    | I-She-He-It <b>was working</b> .<br>You-We-They <b>were working</b> .  |
| NEGATIVE     | I-She-He-It <b>was not (wasn't) working</b> .<br>You-We-They <b>were not (weren't) working</b> .   |
| QUESTION     | <b>Was</b> I-she-he-it <b>working?</b><br><b>Were</b> you-we-they <b>working?</b>  |
| SHORT ANSWER | Yes, I-she-he-it <b>was</b> .      Yes, you-we-they <b>were</b> .<br>No, I-she-he-it <b>wasn't</b> .      No, you-we-they <b>weren't</b> . |

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses. Use the simple past or the past progressive.

- At 6:00 P.M., Bob sat down at the table and began to eat. At 6:05, Bob **was eating** (eat) dinner.
- While Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner, Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (come) through the door.
- In other words, when Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (come) through the door, Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner.
- Bob went to bed at 10:30. At 11:00 Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).
- While Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep), the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).

6. In other words, when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).
7. Bob left his house at 8:00 A.M. and \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to walk to class.
8. While he \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to class, he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Mrs. Smith.
9. When Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Mrs. Smith, she \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) on her front porch. She \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a broom.
10. Mrs. Smith \_\_\_\_\_ (wave) at Bob when she \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him.

**Directions: Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple past, simple present, or past progressive.**

1. Once upon a time, a king and his three daughters \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a castle in a faraway land. One day while the king \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about his daughters, he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an idea. He \_\_\_\_\_ (form) a plan for finding husbands for them.
2. When it \_\_\_\_\_ (come) time for the three daughters to marry, the king \_\_\_\_\_ (announce) his plan. He said, "I'm going to take three jewels to the fountain in the center of the village. The young men \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) together there every day. The three young men who find the jewels will become my daughters' husbands."
3. The next day, the king \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) three jewels – an emerald, a ruby, and a diamond – and \_\_\_\_\_ (take) them into the village. He \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) them in his hand and \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) among the young men. First he \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) the emerald, then the ruby, and then the diamond. A handsome man \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) up the emerald. Then a wealthy prince \_\_\_\_\_ (spot) the ruby and \_\_\_\_\_ (bend) down to pick it up. The king \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very pleased.
4. But then a frog \_\_\_\_\_ (hop) toward the diamond and \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) it up. The frog \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) the diamond to the king and said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the Frog Prince. I \_\_\_\_\_ (claim) your third daughter as my wife."

5. When the king \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Tina, his third daughter, about the Frog Prince, she \_\_\_\_\_ (refuse) to marry him. When the people of the land \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the news about the frog and the princess, they \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) and \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh). “Have you heard the news?” the people \_\_\_\_\_ (say) to each other. “Princess Tina is going to marry a frog!”

6. Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) terrible. She said, “I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the unluckiest person in the world.” She \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) to the floor and \_\_\_\_\_ (sob). No one \_\_\_\_\_ (love) her, she \_\_\_\_\_ (believe). Her father \_\_\_\_\_ (understand, not) her. She \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) from her friends and \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) her pain in her heart. Every day, she \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) sadder and sadder. Her two sisters \_\_\_\_\_ (have) grand weddings. Their wedding bells \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) with joy across the land.

7. Eventually, Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the castle. She \_\_\_\_\_ (run) away from her family and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to live in the woods by herself. She \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) simple food, \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) water from the lake, \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) her own firewood, \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) her own clothes, \_\_\_\_\_ (sweep) the floor herself, \_\_\_\_\_ (make) her own bed, and \_\_\_\_\_ (take) care of all her own needs. But she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very lonely and unhappy.

8. One day Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming. The water \_\_\_\_\_ (be) deep and cold. Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) for a long time and \_\_\_\_\_ (become) very tired. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) back toward the shore, she \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) the desire to live. She \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) trying to swim to safety. She \_\_\_\_\_ (drown) when the frog suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) and with his strength \_\_\_\_\_ (push) Tina to the shore. He \_\_\_\_\_ (save) her life.

9. “Why \_\_\_\_\_ (save, you) my life, Frog?”  
“Because you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very young and you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot to live for.”  
“No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (do, not),” said the princess. “I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the most miserable person in the whole universe.”

10. "Let's talk about it," \_\_\_\_\_ (say) the frog. And the \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to talk. Tina and the Frog Prince \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) together for hours and hours. Frog \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) and \_\_\_\_\_ (understand). He \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) about himself and his own unhappiness and loneliness. They \_\_\_\_\_ (share) their minds and hearts. Day after day, they \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) hours with each other. They \_\_\_\_\_ (talk), \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh), \_\_\_\_\_ (play), and \_\_\_\_\_ (work) together.

11. One day while they \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) near the lake, Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (bend) down and, with great affection, \_\_\_\_\_ (kiss) the frog on his forehead. Poof! Suddenly the frog \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) into a man! He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) Tina in his arms, and said, "You \_\_\_\_\_ (save) me with your kiss. Outside, I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) like a frog, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) inside and \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the real me. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) free. An evil wizard had turned me into a frog until I found the love of a woman with a truly good heart." When Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (see) through outside appearances, she \_\_\_\_\_ (find) true love.

12. Tina and the prince \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to the castle and \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married. Her two sisters, she discovered, \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very unhappy. The handsome husband \_\_\_\_\_ (ignore) his wife and \_\_\_\_\_ (talk, not) to her. The wealthy husband \_\_\_\_\_ (make) fun of his wife and \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her orders all the time. But Tina and her Frog Prince \_\_\_\_\_ (live) happily ever after.

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