

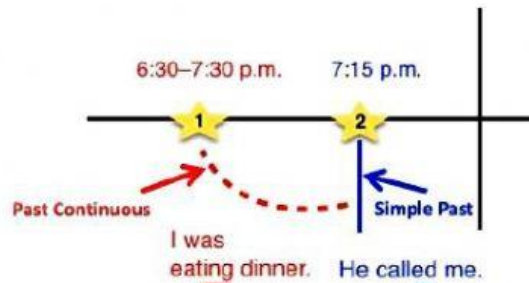
PAST SIMPLE-PAST CONTINUOUS WHEN/WHILE

Remember!

Past continuous form

Negative			Interrogative		
I She He It	wasn't	reading	Was	I she he It	reading?
We You They	weren't		Were	we you they	

Simple Past vs. Past Continuous



I was eating dinner when he called me last night.

When he called me last night, I was eating dinner.

Exceptions: There are some verbs that we **DON'T** use in the past continuous tense. Because they aren't **action** verbs.

e.g.: like, love, hate, smell, seem, believe, understand, realise, belong, know, want, need, depend, suppose ... >>>>>>>>> **NO PAST CONTINUOUS FORM!**

A. PAST CONTINUOUS: Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Past Continuous Tense.

- 1) They _____ in the lake yesterday afternoon. (swim)
- 2) He _____ on the coach. (sleep)
- 3) I _____ a book. (read)
- 4) We _____ breakfast at 7 am yesterday. (have)
- 5) Sarah _____ the fence. (paint)
- 6) The kids _____ the picture. (colour)
- 7) You _____ about the accident. (talk)
- 8) The dog _____ all last night. (bark)
- 9) We _____ to the radio yesterday morning. (listen)
- 10) Pete _____ his car last weekend. (wash)

B. WRITE THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN THE PARANTHESES (SIMPLE PAST TENSE or PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE?)

Remember!

when



long action/process

when + while + as



Short action/point of time

- 1) As Sophie _____(walk) up Regent Street she _____(meet) an old friend from college.
- 2) When _____(father/arrive) yesterday?
- 3) He _____(arrive) late. The train _____ (be) delayed due to an accident.
- 4) Who _____(you/ speak) to on the phone when I _____(come)in?
- 5) Mary _____(read) in bed when she _____(hear) a strange noise downstairs.
- 6) When Mr. Lawrence _____(leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun _____(shine) brightly. However, by 10 o'clock it _____(rain) heavily.
- 7) Sebastian _____(arrive) at Susan's house a little before 11 a.m., but she _____(not/be) there. She _____(study) at the library.
- 8) The fireman _____(rescue) a 75-year-old woman who _____(be) trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
- 9) _____(you/do) any shopping yesterday?
- 10) Yesterday Jane _____(fall) and _____(hurt) herself when she _____(ride) her bicycle.
- 11) What _____(Peter / do) when you _____(knock) on his door?
- 12) Helen _____(wear) her dress to the party last night.
- 13) I _____(read) a book when the accident _____(happen).
- 14) While _____(do) my homework, somebody _____(call) my name.
- 15) My father and my brother _____(repair) the car in the garage when the earthquake _____(happen).
- 16) I _____(play) when I _____(hurt) my knee.
- 17) _____ we were getting ready for the picnic, it _____(start) to rain.

