Past Continuous

The past continuous (also called past progressive) is a verb tense which is used to show that an ongoing past action was happening at a specific moment of interruption, or that two ongoing actions were happening at the same time.

The past continuous is formed using *was/were* + present participle. Questions are indicated by inverting the subject and *was/were*. Negatives are made with *not*.

- Statement: You were studying when she called.
- Question: Were you studying when she called?
- Negative: You were not studying when she called.

3 Look at the pictures and write the sentences. Use the past simple and past continuous.













1 She *saw* the spider when she *was buying* some fruit. (see, buy)

2 His mobile _____ when he _____. (ring, drive)

3 Neil _____ late when his boss _____ a speech. (arrive, make)

4 They _____ football when it _____ to rain. (play, start)

5 We _____ a party when I _____ this photo. (have, take)

6 We _____ the result when we _____ in France. (hear, travel)

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