

Grammar

PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
The interrupted action When teacher opened the door, ...	An action in progress ... all students were running and talking loudly.
The main action in the story Suddenly he heard a BANG noise	The background situation ... when he was riding his horse in the forest.

When we use the PAST CONTINUOUS and the PAST SIMPLE together like this, we often use **WHILE or **WHEN****

It was snowing **when** I woke up this morning.

While I was walking home, I found a leather wallet.

But we don't use WHILE for past simple.

I was walking to work **when while** I saw Roger in his car.

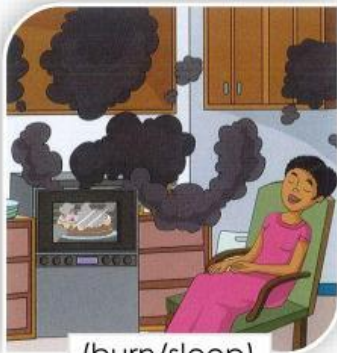
Exercise 1. Choose the correct options.

- I *listened* / *was listening* to the radio when I *heard* / *was hearing* this fantastic song.
- When the teacher *said* / *was saying* 'Stop!', I still *tried* / *was still trying* to finish the last question.
- I feel really silly! While I *danced* / *was dancing*, I *fell* / *was falling* and broke / *was breaking* my elbow.
- Tim *played* / *was playing* a computer game when his mum *called* / *was calling* him for lunch.
- I *looked* / *was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed* / *was noticing* there was a virus.
- Ron *found* / *was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surf*ed / *was surf*ing the internet.
- My mum *had* / *was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled* / *was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- When you *saw* / *were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go* / *wasn't going* to school, I *went* / *was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- How many pictures *did you take* / *were you taking* while you *travelled* / *were travelling* around Ireland?
- Why *did you chat* / *were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried* / *was trying* to tell you something really important?

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. .

1. While I _____ (shop) with my friend last Saturday, we _____ an accident.
2. We _____ (have) lunch outside a café when it _____ (happen)
3. A woman _____ (cross) the street, when a boy on a bike _____ (come) round the corner very fast.
4. The boy _____ (not look) and he _____ (hit) the woman.
5. When I _____ (see) it, I _____ (take out) my mobile phone and _____ (phone) an ambulance.
6. A policeman _____ (arrive) while we _____ (wait) for the ambulance, and he _____ (ask) us some questions.
7. While we _____ (talk) to the policeman, the ambulance _____ (come) and _____ (take) the woman and the boy to the hospital.
8. Later, while I _____ (listen) to the radio, I _____ (hear) a news report about the accident. The two people _____ (be) fine.

Exercise 3. Look at the picture and write.



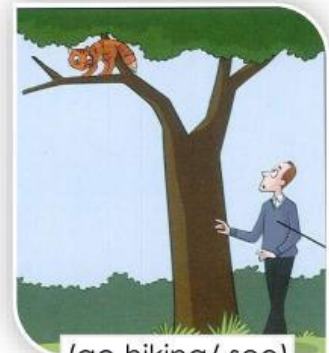
(burn/sleep)

When the cake ____



(walk/find)

When Molly ____



(go hiking/ see)

While my dad ____

Exercise 4. Complete the text and answer the questions.

Every weekend I go out with my friends. We often (1) _____ to concerts or to pubs. We love music, especially dance music. Concert tickets (2) _____ more expensive than going to pubs but we enjoy live music very much. Our favourite singer is Beyoncé. She's really cool! She (3) _____ lots of great songs and her concerts are the best ones!



Last weekend I (4) _____ out with my friends because I had a lot of homework. I (5) _____ very hard when my brother (6) _____ home with three friends. It was a beautiful sunny day and they (7) _____ a very noisy game, so I (8) _____ my homework in the park. I found a quiet place and sat down. I (9) _____ the first sentence of my English composition when an old lady (10) _____ down next to me. She opened a plastic bag and started to throw bread on the ground. Suddenly there were about thirty birds around us. They were very noisy so I stopped writing and put my pen and notebook on the ground. I (11) _____ the birds and thinking about my homework when a boy (12) _____ over my pen and broke it. I didn't have another pen so I had to go home to write my composition.

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| 1. A. go | B. went | C. was go | D. was went |
| 2. A. was | B. is | C. were | D. are |
| 3. A. had got | B. has got | C. have got | D. has get |
| 4. A. can't go | B. can't went | C. couldn't go | D. couldn't went |
| 5. A. was study | B. were study | C. was studying | D. were studying |
| 6. A. arrived | B. arrive | C. arrives | D. did arrive |
| 7. A. played | B. are playing | C. play | D. were playing |
| 8. A. decided go | B. decide to go | C. decided to go | D. decided going |
| 9. A. wrote | B. was writing | C. write | D. are writing |
| 10. A. sit | B. sat | C. didn't sit | D. didn't sat |
| 11. A. watched | B. was watching | C. watch | D. are watching |
| 12. A. running | B. runs | C. ran | D. didn't run |

Vocabulary

cross the road	đi qua đường	go up stairs/ escalator	đi lên cầu thang/ thang máy
catch a taxi	bắt taxi	give someone a lift	cho ai đi nhờ xe
wait for a bus	đợi xe buýt	miss a bus/ train ...	nhỡ xe buýt/ tàu
have a snack	ăn đồ ăn nhẹ	queue for something	xếp hàng làm gì
get on the bus	lên xe buýt	go sight seeing	đi ngắm cảnh
get off the bus	xuống xe buýt	meet a friend	gặp bạn bè
lose the way	lạc đường	book tickets/ rooms	đặt vé/ đặt phòng

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the correct form.

- My mum _____ a scooter to work.
- Open the door, _____ the car and put on your seat belt.
- "I want to go to the town centre. Where should I _____ the bus?
Driver: "At the next stop."
- There aren't any buses. You have to _____ on foot or _____ a taxi.
- You have to _____ a ticket before you _____ the train.

buy
get in
get off
get on
go
ride
take

- cross
drive
go up
lose
miss
wait for
- "What should I do if I _____ the bus?"
"_____ the next one. They come every five minutes."
 - Look and listen before you _____ the road.
 - My uncle never _____ to work because he hasn't got a car.
 - "Where's the ticket office?"
"_____ the stairs. It's on the left."
 - Joe never _____ his way because he's got a map on his phone.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer to complete the text.

Racing the tube! The latest craze in big cities with underground trains is "racing the tube". The idea is to run faster (1) _____ an underground train. First you choose two underground stations that are very near to each other. Then you buy a ticket and (2) _____ a train that is travelling to the first station. When the train arrives at the station, and the doors open, you (3) _____ the train, go up the stairs or (4) _____ – very quickly! – and run to the next station. You can't (5) _____ a taxi or (6) _____ a bus or ride a bicycle. You have to run. But watch out for traffic and don't lose (7) _____! It's easier if someone helps you. For example, when you have to (8) _____ the road, they can warn you if cars are coming. When you arrive at the second station, you have to catch the same train. It's more difficult than it sounds.

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| 1. A. than | B. more | C. to | D. for |
| 2. A. go on | B. go off | C. get on | D. get off |
| 3. A. go on | B. go off | C. get on | D. get off |
| 4. A. floor | B. platform | C. escalator | D. station |
| 5. A. have | B. get | C. hold | D. take |
| 6. A. catch | B. caught | C. fetch | D. touch |
| 7. A. your road | B. your pavement | C. your way | D. your street |
| 8. A. across | B. cross | C. walk | D. pass |

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

- What about having a nice drink at the ----- next door after work!
- I really enjoy going to the ----- every Sunday to get nice fruit and vegetables.
- There's the last film directed by David Cameron at the -----
----. Fancy going ?
- I really must practise some sports but before I'd better go to the ---
----- to get new trainers.
- Have you seen that gorgeous dress at the ----- . It would be great for the party!
- Your hair all looks scruffy, you'd better go to the -----
before your job interview!!!
- Christmas is coming, why not go to the ----- to see what we can buy for the kids?
- We mustn't forget to visit uncle Bob at the ----- Doctors says he is better now after the operation.
- Dear me, what a shopping list! I will go to the -----
instead of the small shops in town.
- We need some biscuits for the cats and I have seen they have nice cat trees at the -----.
- All my winter shoes are worn out, I think I will pop in that new -----
----- that opened last week!
- You should go to the ----- to complete your collection of stamps.

clothes shop

grocery

post office

mall

pet shop

cinema

beauty salon

hospital

coffee shop

supermarket

sport shop

shoes shop

Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with a correct form of PAST CONTINUOUS

1. It was very cold. The sun was not shining. (not / shine)
2. It wasn't a stormy night. The wind (not / blow)
3. He wasn't sleeping. He (look) at the ceiling.
4. They were having a rest. They (not / work).
5. They were very happy. They (enjoy) the party.
6. He was at home. He (watch) a movie on TV.
7. He was getting worse. He (not / recover).
8. We (travel) in the north of Turkey when we were on holiday.
9. She (drive) so fast when the accident happened.
10. I (not / sleep) when you came in.

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses using the SIMPLE PAST or the PAST PROGRESSIVE.

1. While they (travel) to China, Marco (keep) a diary.
2. Mrs. White (drive) past a house in Main Street when she (see) the ground floor on fire.
3. While he (fly) off the Miami Coast, the pilot (see) sharks approaching the swimmers.
4. The fireman (fight) the fire on a balcony below when he (hear) someone's shouts.
5. She (die) while she (run) after a bus.
6. We (have) dinner when the electricity (go) off.
7. She (think) of something else while you (talk) to her.
8. I (see) her while I (look) out of the window.
9. While the teacher (talk), the students (look) at an insect on the ceiling.
10. Yesterday Tom and Janice (go) to the zoo around one. They (see) many kinds of animals. They stayed at the zoo for two hours. While they (walk) home, it (begin) to rain, so they (stop) at a small café and (have) a cup of coffee.

Exercise 6. Complete the dialogue with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

Ben	: Did you have a good weekend?
Jack	: Well, _____ (Robert and I/ decide) to go cycling. But _____ (we/get) lost.
Ben	: How _____ (that/ happen)?
Jack	: Well, _____ (we/ not/ have) a map. _____ (Robert/ forget) to bring it. And then it started to rain.
Ben	: _____ (you/ get) really wet?
Jack	: Yes, especially Robert. _____ (he/ not/ have) a coat. But that wasn't the worst thing. The chain on my bicycle _____ (break).
Ben	: Oh no.
Jack	: _____ (we/ not/ know) what to do. My _____ (phone/ not work) because we couldn't get a signal. When looked for a car but _____ (there/ not/ be) any cars on the road
Ben	: So what _____ (you/do)?
Jack	: _____ (we /walk) for an hour. In the end, _____ (we/come) to a village and phoned my dad. _____ (he/drive) to meet us in the car. _____ (he/ not/ be) happy.

III. Pronunciation: Stress

- For yes or no questions, use a **rising intonation** at the end of the sentence.

Did you visit the old castle in London?"

- For most other types of questions, use a **falling intonation** at the end of the sentence.

"Why didn't you go whitewater rafting? "

Practice reading the questions, draw the intonation lines and answer them.

1. Where did you go kayaking last time?

2. Did you watch the football match last night?

3. Who did you talk to in the coffee shop?

4. Were you excited before going on holiday last week?
