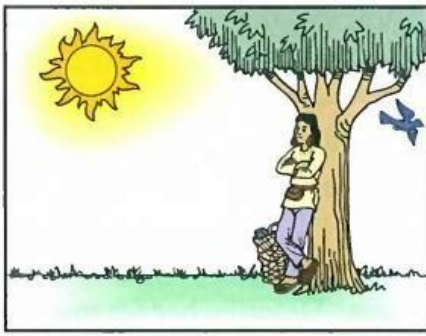




1st: Rita stood under a tree.



2nd: It began to rain.

SCENE 2: _____

2-7 Simple Past

	(a) I <i>walked</i> to school yesterday. (b) John <i>lived</i> in Paris for ten years, but now he lives in Rome. (c) I <i>bought</i> a new car three days ago.	The simple past indicates that an activity or situation <i>began and ended at a particular time in the past</i>.
	(d) Rita <i>stood</i> under a tree <i>when it began</i> to rain. (e) <i>When</i> Mrs. Chu <i>heard</i> a strange noise, she <i>got</i> up to investigate. (f) <i>When</i> I <i>dropped</i> my cup, the coffee <i>spilled</i> on my lap.	If a sentence contains <i>when</i> and has the simple past in both clauses, the action in the <i>when</i>-clause happens first. In (d): 1st: The rain began. 2nd: Rita stood under a tree.

2-8 Past Progressive

	(g) I <i>was walking</i> down the street when it began to rain. (h) While I <i>was walking</i> down the street, it began to rain. (i) Rita <i>was standing</i> under a tree when it began to rain. (j) At eight o'clock last night, I <i>was studying</i>.	In (g): 1st: I was walking down the street. 2nd: It began to rain. Both actions occurred at the same time, but <i>one action began earlier and was in progress when the other action occurred</i>. In (j): My studying began before 8:00, was in progress at that time, and probably continued.
	(k) While I <i>was studying</i> in one room of our apartment, my roommate <i>was having</i> a party in the other room.	Sometimes the past progressive is used in both parts of a sentence when two actions are in progress simultaneously.

Exercise 26. Let's talk. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Choose the question or statement you would expect the speaker to say. Discuss your answers. Work in pairs, in small groups, or as a class.

- When I went to bed late last night, I noticed that the light was on in your bedroom.
 - Were you reading?
 - Did you read?

2. Jane's cousin was at the party last night.
 - a. Were you meeting him?
 - b. Did you meet him?
3. A small airplane flew over our house several times last night.
 - a. We were sitting out on the patio, and it made us nervous.
 - b. We sat out on the patio, and it made us nervous.
4. I'm not sure if I met Carol Jones at the party last night. Describe her for me.
 - a. What was she wearing?
 - b. What did she wear?

□ **Exercise 27. Looking at grammar.** (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Complete the sentences. Use the simple past or the past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (*sit*) was sitting in class at this exact same time yesterday.
2. I (*call*) _____ Roger at nine last night, but he (*be, not*) _____ at home. He (*study*) _____ at the library.
3. I (*hear, not*) _____ the thunder during the storm last night because I (*sleep*) _____.
4. It was beautiful yesterday when we went for a walk in the park. The sun (*shine*) _____. A cool breeze (*blow*) _____. The birds (*sing*) _____.
5. My brother and sister (*argue*) _____ about something when I (*walk*) _____ into the room.
6. I got a package in the mail. When I (*open*) _____ it, I (*find*) _____ a surprise.
7. While Mrs. Emerson (*read*) _____ the little boy a story, he (*fall*) _____ asleep, so she (*close*) _____ the book and quietly (*sneak*) _____ out of the room.
8. A: (*you, hear*) _____ what the teacher just said?
B: No, I (*listen, not*) _____. I (*think*) _____ about something else.
9. I really enjoyed my last vacation. While it (*snow*) _____ in Iowa, the sun (*shine*) _____ in Florida. While you (*shovel*) _____ snow in Iowa all last week, I (*lie*) _____ on a beach in Florida.