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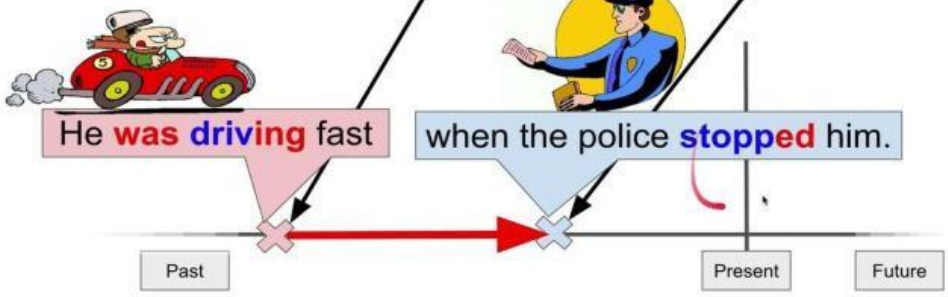
Past Continuous and Simple Past: meaning

The past progressive is used for an ongoing past event that occurred until another past event.

- For the **interrupting event**, use the **simple past**.
- For the **temporary event**, use the **past progressive**.



WHEN AND WHILE EXAMPLES

- 1. when my mum called my sister, she was playing in the garden
  - PAST SIMPLE
  - PAST CONTINUPUS
- 2 WHILE MY SISTER WAS PLAYING IN THE GARDEN MY MUM CALLED HER.
  - PAST CONTINUPUS
  - PAST SIMPLE

1) Write the correct form of the verb in brackets

1. The teachers _____ (speak) **when** you arrived to school.
2. She was having a shower **when** you _____ (knock) at the door.
3. Yesterday, I _____ (hear) a strange noise **while** I was getting dressed.
4. **While** I was getting dressed, I _____ (hear) a strange noise
5. We were writing notes in class, **when** the Miss Valeria _____ (come) in.

2) Look at the pictures and complete the sentences



WHEN the phone rang, Nick_____ (eat)



Pepito's computer _____(break)
WHILE he was doing homework

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