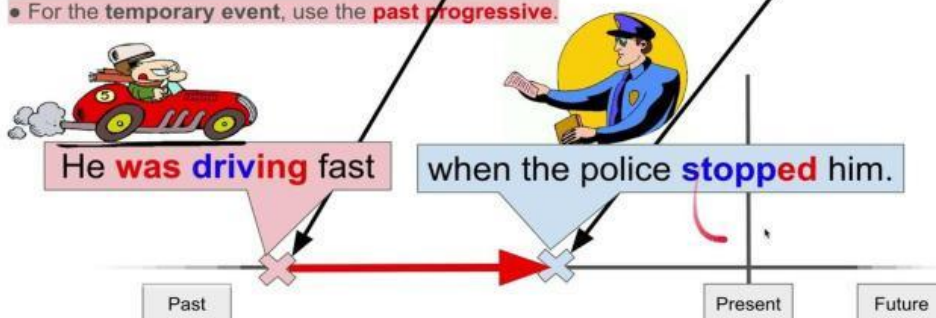


Past Continuous and Simple Past: meaning

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 CONTINUOUS

- 2. **WHILE** MY SISTER WAS PLAYING IN THE GARDEN MY MUM CALLED HER.

PAST CONTINUOUS

PAST SIMPLE

1) Write the correct form of the verb in brackets

- The teachers _____ (speak) **when** you arrived to school.
- She was having a shower **when** you _____ (knock) at the door.
- Yesterday, I _____ (hear) a strange noise **while** I was getting dressed.
- While** I was getting dressed, I _____ (hear) a strange noise
- 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