

New vocabulary:

- 1) Compartment - a small private room on a train for sleeping.
- 2) Victim - a person who is harmed or killed in a crime.
- 3) Conductor - an official who helps passengers on a train.
- 4) Suspect - a person who the police think might be guilty.
- 5) Investigation - the process of finding the truth about a crime.
- 6) Alibi - proof that you were in another place during a crime.

PART 1: Witness Statements

Instructions: Detective, we need to reconstruct the events of last night. Read the report below. Some parts are missing. Use the verbs in brackets to fill in the gaps. Use Past Simple for completed actions and Past Continuous for actions that were in progress.

Past

Simple:	Continuous:
+ Ved/V2: <i>I <u>played</u> basketball <u>yesterday</u>.</i> <i>He <u>went</u> to school two days <u>ago</u>.</i>	To be + Ving was (I/he/she/it) were (you/we/they) + I <u>was</u> reading <u>at that moment</u>. They <u>were</u> watching TV.
- Did: <i>I <u>didn't</u> play <u>tennis yesterday</u>.</i> <i>He <u>didn't</u> go to the cinema two days <u>ago</u>.</i>	- I <u>was not</u> cooking the <u>whole</u> evening. They <u>were not</u> doing their homework.

Example: While Hercule Poirot **was reading** (long action), he **heard** (short action) a noise.

OFFICIAL REPORT:

It was a snowy and cold night in the mountains. At 12:30 AM, the train (1) _____ (travel) through Yugoslavia. Most of the passengers (2) _____ (sleep) in their compartments at that time.

Hercule Poirot (3) _____ (read) a book in his bed when he suddenly (4) _____ (hear) a loud cry from Mr. Ratchett's room. He (5) _____ (look) out of his door and (6) _____ (see) the conductor.

The conductor (7) _____ (stand) in the corridor. He (8) _____ (wait) for a signal. At the same moment, a mysterious woman in a red kimono (9) _____ (run) down the hall.

While the snow (10) _____ (fall) outside, the train stopped. The crime was committed.

PART 2: Detective's Conclusion

Now that you have fixed the report, answer the following question:



What was the weather like when the crime happened?