

Past Continuous vs. Simple Past

ورقة عمل: Simple Past و Past Continuous

Quick Grammar Guide

ملخص القاعدة

Past Continuous

الماضي المستمر

was/were + verb-ing

- I / He / She / It → **was + V-ing**
- You / We / They → **were + V-ing**

Example:

مثال:

She **was studying**.

Simple Past

الماضي البسيط

Subject + V2

She **studied** yesterday.



When to Use Them

متى تُستخدم

Past Continuous: an action that was in progress at a particular time in the past.

الماضي المستمر: حدث كان مستمراً في وقت محدد في الماضي.

Simple Past: a completed action in the past.

الماضي البسيط: حدث مكتمل في الماضي.

معاً:

حدث أطول ← الماضي المستمر

حدث أقصر يقطعه ← الماضي البسيط

Example:

مثال:

I **was walking** home when it **started** to rain.

Verb Forms

أشكال الأفعال

Base Verb (V1)	Simple Past (V2)	Past Continuous
walk	walked	was/were walking
play	played	was/were playing
study	studied	was/were studying
eat	ate	was/were eating
see	saw	was/were seeing
go	went	was/were going
break	broke	was/were breaking
call	called	was/were calling

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Was or Were?

Was أم Were؟

1. I _____ watching TV.
2. They _____ playing football.
3. She _____ studying for her exam.
4. We _____ having dinner.
5. He _____ sleeping.
6. You _____ talking to Sara.
7. The children _____ making a lot of noise.
8. My brother _____ using the computer.

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V2 or Was/Were + V-ing?

التصريف الثاني للفعل (V2) أم (Was/Were + V-ing)؟

Choose the correct form of the verb.

اختر الصيغة الصحيحة للفعل.

1. I _____ dinner when Ali called. (cook)
☐ cooked ☐ was cooking
2. She _____ the door and went inside. (open)
☐ opened ☐ was opening
3. They _____ football when it started to rain. (play)
☐ played ☐ were playing
4. Tom _____ his homework last night. (finish)
☐ finished ☐ was finishing
5. We _____ home when we saw an accident. (drive)
☐ drove ☐ were driving
6. The teacher _____ the lesson at 9 a.m. yesterday. (start)
☐ started ☐ was starting

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Identify the Tense.

حدد الزمن.

Write **PC** for Past Continuous and **SP** for Simple Past.

اكتب PC للماضي المستمر و SP للماضي البسيط.

1. She **was reading** a book. _____
2. He **called** me yesterday. _____
3. They **were watching** a movie. _____
4. I **lost** my keys. _____
5. We **were walking** home. _____
6. Sarah **finished** her project. _____
7. The children **were playing** outside. _____
8. Tom **broke** the window. _____

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Complete the Sentences?

أكمل الجملة؟

Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

استخدم الصيغة الصحيحة للأفعال الموجودة بين قوسين.

1. I _____ (walk) home when I _____ (see) an old friend.
2. She _____ (cook) dinner when the phone _____ (ring).
3. They _____ (play) tennis when it _____ (start) to rain.
4. We _____ (watch) TV when the electricity _____ (go) off.
5. He _____ (drive) to work when he _____ (hear) the news.
6. The students _____ (study) when the teacher _____ (enter) the classroom.

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Choose the Sentence That Makes Sense?

اختر الجملة التي تبدو منطقية؟

1.

- ☐ I was taking a shower when the phone rang.
- ☐ I took a shower when the phone was ringing.

2.

- ☐ She was walking home when she saw an accident.
- ☐ She walked home when she was seeing an accident.

3.

- ☐ They were having dinner when their friends arrived.
- ☐ They had dinner when their friends were arriving.

4.

- ☐ We were playing outside when it started raining.
- ☐ We played outside when it was starting raining.

5.

- ☐ He was sleeping when his alarm went off.
- ☐ He slept when his alarm was going off.





Spot the Mistake.

اكتشف الخطأ.

Each sentence has one tense mistake. Correct it.

تحتوي كل جملة على خطأ واحد في الزمن؛ قم بتصحيحه.

1. I was walking home when I was seeing Ali.

2. She cooked dinner when the phone was ringing.

3. They played football when it started to rain.

4. We were watched TV when Dad came home.

5. He was driving when his car was stopped.

6. I studied when my friend was calling me.

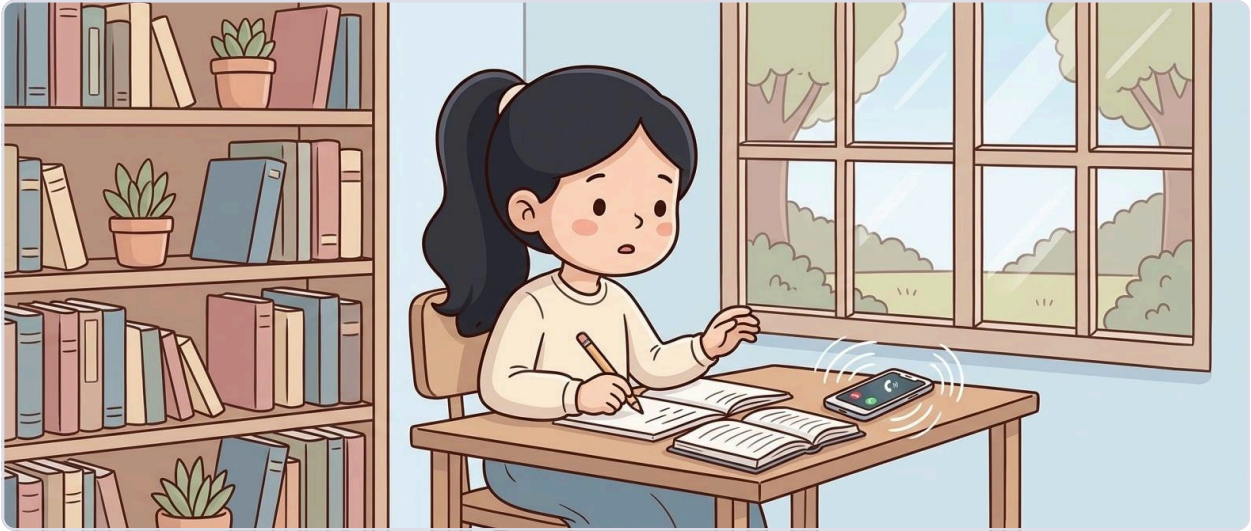
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Picture Detective.

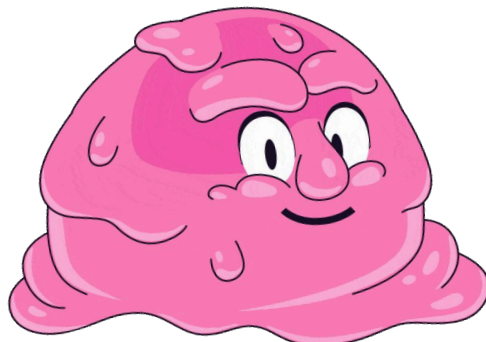
صورة المخبر.

Look at each illustration and choose the sentence that best describes what was happening.

انظر إلى كل رسم توضيحي واختر الجملة التي تصف بدقة أكبر ما كان يحدث.

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- ☐ The girl studied when the phone rang.
- ☐ The girl was studying when the phone rang.
- ☐ The girl was studying when the phone was ringing.

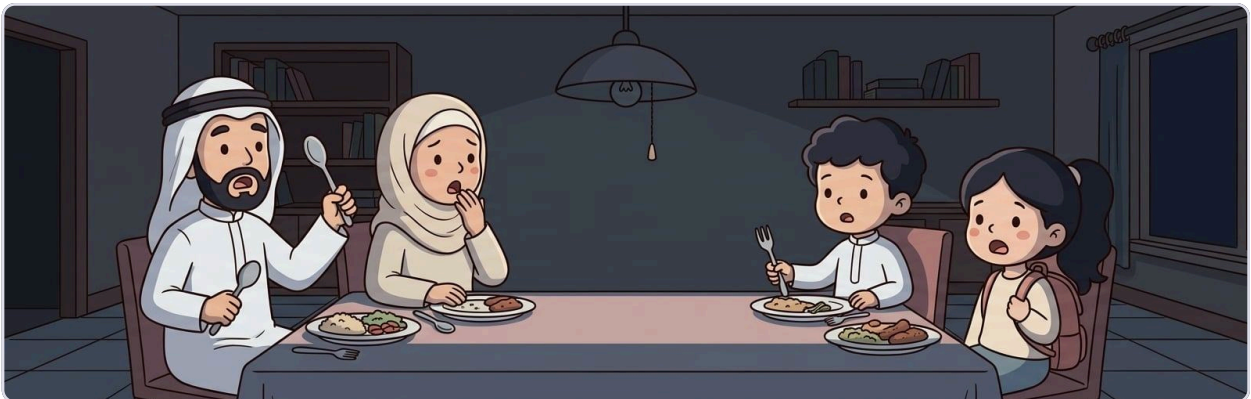


B



- ☐ The boy was walking home when the bus passed by.
- ☐ The boy walked home when the bus was passing by.
- ☐ The boy was walking home when the bus was passing.

C



- ☐ The family had dinner when the lights were going out.
- ☐ The family was having dinner when the lights went out.
- ☐ The family was having dinner when the lights were going out.

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Exercise 1

تمرين 1

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| 1. was | 5. was |
| 2. were | 6. were |
| 3. was | 7. were |
| 4. were | 8. was |

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Exercise 2

تمرين 2

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. was cooking | 4. finished |
| 2. opened | 5. were driving |
| 3. were playing | 6. started |

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Exercise 3

تمرين 3

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| 1. PC | 5. PC |
| 2. SP | 6. SP |
| 3. PC | 7. PC |
| 4. SP | 8. SP |

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Exercise 4

تمرين 4

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. was walking/saw | 4. were watching/went |
| 2. was cooking/rang | 5. was driving/heard |
| 3. were playing/started | 6. were studying/entered |

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Exercise 5

تمرين 5

1. I was taking a shower when the phone rang.
2. She was walking home when she saw an accident.
3. They were having dinner when their friends arrived.
4. We were playing outside when it started raining.
5. He was sleeping when his alarm went off.

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Exercise 6

تمرين 6

1. I was walking home when I saw Ali.
2. She was cooking dinner when the phone rang.
3. They were playing football when it started to rain.
4. We were watching TV when Dad came home.
5. He was driving when his car stopped.
6. I was studying when my friend called me.

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Exercise 7

تمرين 7

- A. The girl was studying when the phone rang.
- B. The boy was walking home when the bus passed by.
- C. The family was having dinner when the lights went out.