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Chapter 15 Session A

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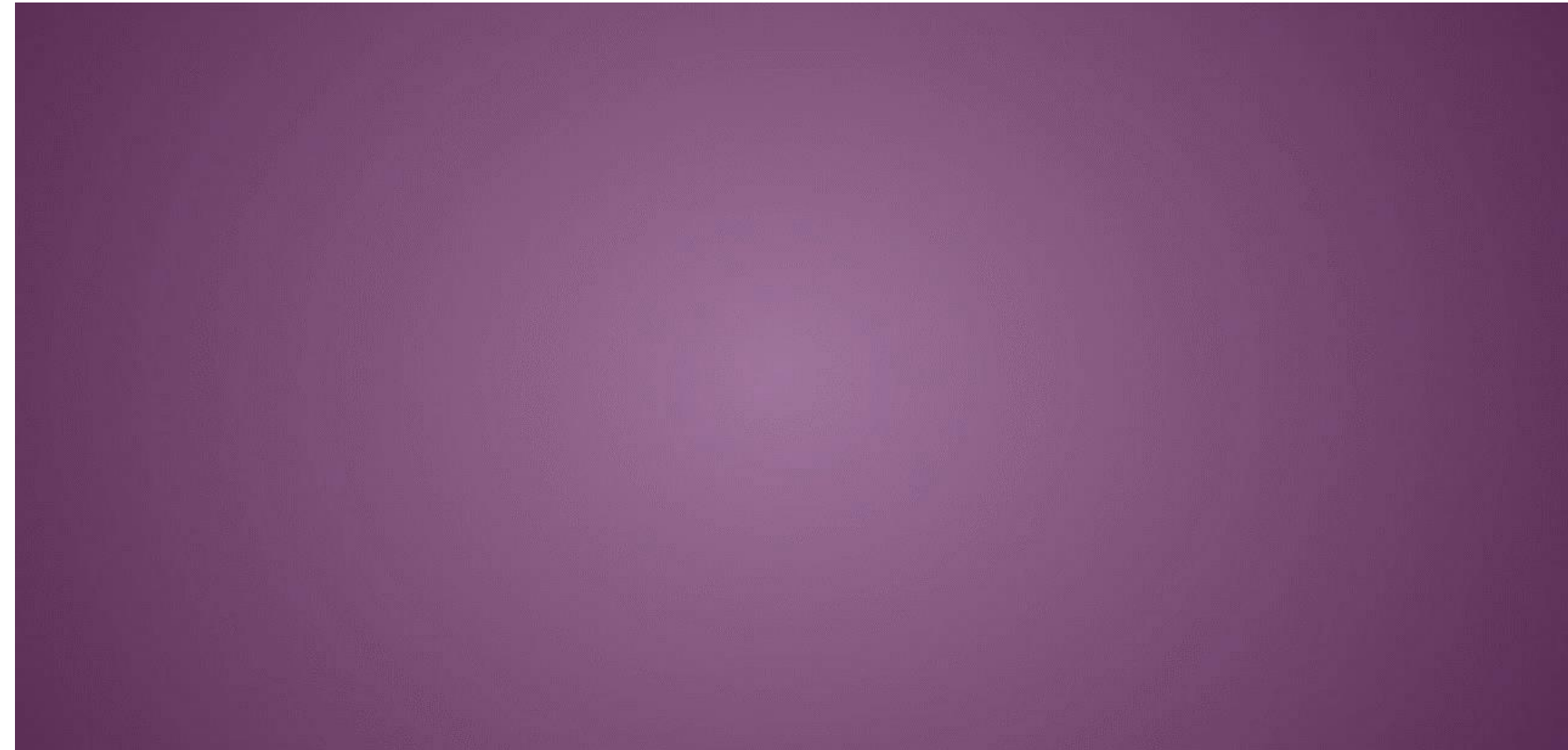
MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Simple Past & Past Progressive



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The Legend of the Marathon

The marathon commemorates a famous event in ancient Greece. In 490 BC, a battle took place in the Greek town of Marathon between the Greeks and the Persians. The Persian army was larger and stronger than the Greek army, but the Greek army resisted and miraculously won the battle. This is a true story. But according to legend, a soldier called Pheidippides was sent to Athens to tell the people about the Greek victory. Pheidippides ran the 40 kilometers between Marathon and the capital without stopping. When he arrived, he shouted 'Victory! Victory! Rejoice, we conquer!' and then died.


When the first modern Olympics took place in Athens in 1896, a 40-kilometer running race between Marathon and Athens was one of the events. It was called the marathon. At the London Olympics in 1908, the organizers wanted the marathon to finish directly in front of the British royal family in the stadium. As a result, they added an extra 2.195 kilometers to the marathon! Since then, all marathons are 42.195 kilometers.



A marathon nowadays.

Statue of
general Miltiades
(550-489 BC),
who served in
the Battle of
Marathon.



- 1  55 Read and listen. Who did the Greeks defeat in the battle of Marathon?

The Persians

- 2 Match the questions and answers about the early Olympic Games.

- a Where were the first modern Olympic Games?
- b How long was the first marathon race?
- c Where were the Olympic Games held in 1908?
- d Who changed the distance of the marathon race?
- e How long have marathon races been since the London Olympics in 1908?



- ☒ e All marathon races have been 42.195km since the London Olympics in 1908.
- ☒ d The organizers of the London Olympic Games changed the distance of the marathon race to 42.195km.
- ☒ a The first modern Olympic Games were in Athens in 1896.
- ☒ b The first Olympic marathon race was 40km at the Athens Olympic Games.
- ☒ c In 1908 the Olympic Games were held in London.



Character Adjectives



Queen Boudicca
was *brave*.



cheerful



The White Witch
was *cruel*.



shy



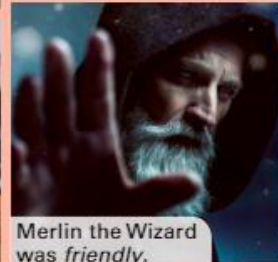
Robin Hood
was *kind*.



funny



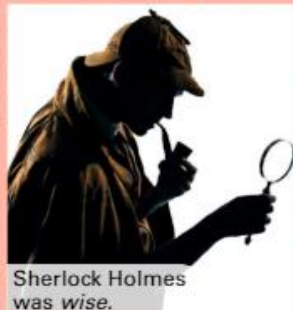
lazy



Merlin the Wizard
was *friendly*.



selfish



Sherlock Holmes
was *wise*.



stubborn



Sam Gamgee was *loyal* to Frodo.



Movement Verbs



carry



cross



drop



fall



follow



jump



lead



lift



move



pull



push



sit



stand



Past Progressive

affirmative	
I was	listening.
You were	
He / She / It was	
We were	
You were	
They were	



- we use the past progressive to describe activities in progress at a specific time in the past
They **were walking** to school at 7:30 this morning.
- the form is subject + *was / were* + verb + *-ing*



negative	contracted form
I was not listening .	wasn't listening .
You were not listening .	weren't listening .
He / She / It was not listening .	wasn't listening .
We / You / They were not listening .	weren't listening .

- we use *not* to form the negative
He **was not** running. / He **wasn't** running.



questions and short answers

Was I **walking**?

Yes, I **was**. No, I **wasn't**.

Were you **walking**?

Yes, you **were**. No, you **weren't**.

Was he / she / it **walking**?

Yes, he / she / it **was**. No, he / she / it **wasn't**.

Were we / you / they **walking**?

Yes, we / you / they **were**. No, we / you / they **weren't**.

- in questions we use *was* / *were* before the subject
What **were** you doing at 9pm on Monday?
- we don't repeat the verb + *-ing* in short answers
Were you **running** at 6pm?
Yes, I **was**.



Simple Past and Past Progressive

- we often use the past progressive with the simple past in the same sentence
I was **running** to catch the bus when I **fell**.
- we use the past progressive to describe activities which were in progress
I **was running** to catch the bus ...
- we use the simple past to describe an action which interrupted the activity
... when I **fell**.
- we usually use *when* before the simple past and *while* before the past progressive
He was carrying the box **when** he dropped it.
While he was carrying the box, he dropped it.



Simple Past and Past Progressive



1 Match the columns.

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| a | While I was having breakfast | d | they were buying popcorn. |
| b | Laura was crossing the road | a | my phone rang. |
| c | When we arrived home | f | while I was jumping over the wall. |
| d | When I saw my friends | e | he fell and broke his arm. |
| e | While James was climbing a tree | c | the dog was eating our lunch. |
| f | I dropped my keys | b | when she found \$50. |

2 Complete the sentences with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

I was doing (do) my homework when my mom arrived (arrive) home.

- a My sister was carrying (carry) the groceries when she dropped (drop) the eggs.
- b I was standing (stand) outside the movie theater when I saw (see) Brad Pitt.
- c When my teacher walked (walk) into the classroom we were listening (listen) to music.

- were*
- d** My friends *playing* (play) soccer when a dog *took* (take) their ball.
- e** We *were looking* (look) for wood to build a fire when we *discovered* (discover) a secret cave.
- f** When I *got* (get) the text message I *was sitting* (sit) at the dinner table.



3 Rewrite the sentences in activity 2 with *While*.

While I was doing my homework, my mom arrived home.

- a While *my sister was carrying the groceries, she dropped the eggs.*
- b While *was standig outside the movie theatre, I saw Brad Pitt.*
- c While *we were listening to music, my teacher walked into the classroom.*

d While *my friends were playing soccer, a*

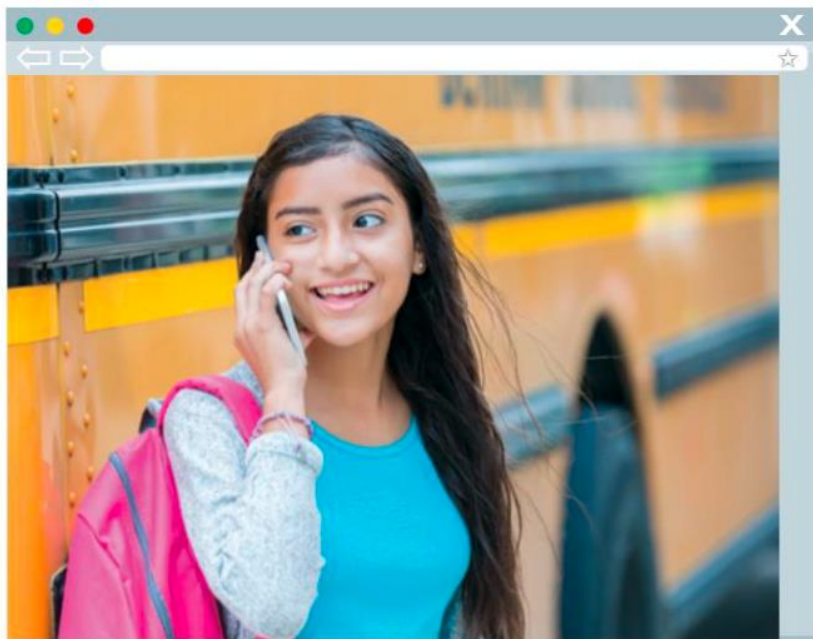
e While *build a fire, we*

f While *I was sitting at the dinner table, I got the text message.*



- 4 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in the box.

chat do have listen call
sleep not watch win



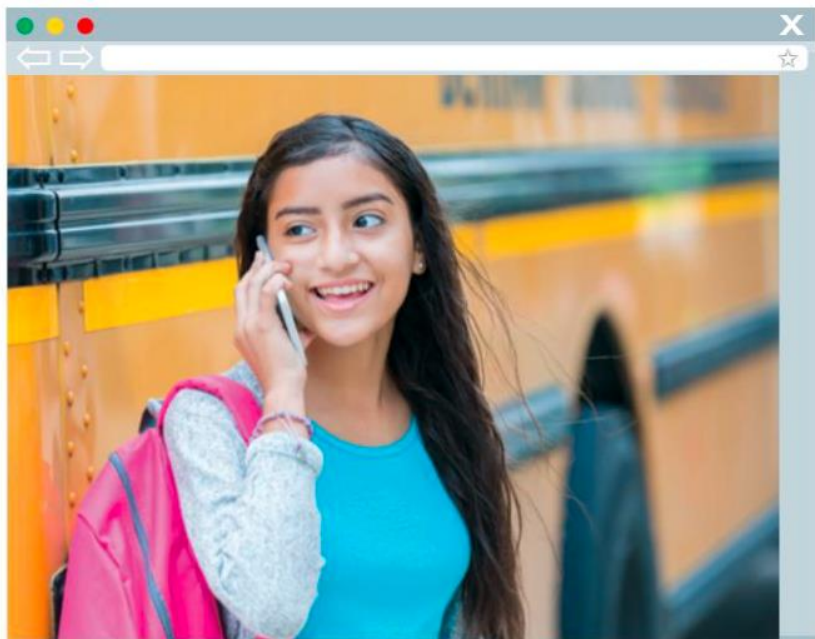
As part of our Ordinary Lives series, *Cool Life* magazine is interviewing Alicia Garcia. Alicia's from Spain but she lives in Miami with her family.

Cool Life Hi, Alicia. What **a** were you doing last night at 8:00pm?
b Were you having dinner?

Alicia No, I wasn't. I **c** was chatting with my friends on the Internet. We had dinner at 9:00pm.

- 4 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in the box.

chat do have listen call
sleep not watch win



Cool Life d Were you sleeping
in your bed at 11:00pm?

Alicia No, I wasn't. I e was listening to
music in my bedroom. While I was
doing that, my friend Katia
f called me on her new cell
phone.

Cool Life You're from Spain. When Spain
g won the World Cup,
what were you doing?

Alicia I wasn't watching the game because
I was camping with some friends.



- 1 Read the text and circle the correct answers.

How Did It Happen?

There are many stories about inventions and discoveries, and most of them are probably not true!



- Q How did Sir Isaac Newton discover gravity?
- A He **a** ___ under a tree **b** ___ an apple fell onto his head.
- Q Where does the word 'Eureka' come from?
- A One day, Archimedes **c** ___ a bath when he **d** ___ that the water level rose when he got into the bath. He exclaimed *Eureka!*, which means 'I've found it!'
- Q Who invented bubble gum?
- A It was Thomas Adams in 1869. He was using the gum to make toys when he **e** ___ it into his mouth and he liked it. In 1900, people all over the USA **f** ___ chewing gum.
- Q When did Levi Strauss invent jeans?
- A People **g** ___ for gold in California **h** ___ a young man called Levi Strauss moved to San Francisco. They were working hard and they needed stronger pants. Levi Strauss used a material from France called denim and he invented 'blue jeans.'



GRAMMAR CHECK

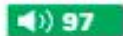
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1 Read the text and circle the correct answers.



1	2	3
a was sit	was sitting	is sitting
b when	while	what
c take	were taking	was taking
d notice	noticing	noticed
e put	puts	putting
f was	were	are
g were looking	was looking	looked
h while	what	when

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Listen and check your answers.



LISTENING

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- 1  98 Listen to a radio interview. Order the words you hear.



1



alligator

5



hunter

4



sewer

2



farms

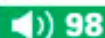
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toilet



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Listen again and circle T for *true* or F for *false*.

- a Amber Martin is in Florida. T, ☒ F
- b In the 1930s, rich families went to Florida on vacation. ☒ T, F
- c People brought their alligators to New York. ☒ T, F
- d Legend says that the people threw their alligators into the trash can. T, ☒ F
- e Nobody saw the alligators in the sewers. T, ☒ F
- f People hunted these animals in the sewers. ☒ T, F



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