



ENGLISH

Chapter 9 Session A

3rd
SECONDARY

**Simple past and
Past continuous**



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Telling a story



1 Talk about the pictures with a partner.

What can you see?

What are the people thinking about?

2 Are you a positive person? Tell your partner and explain your reasons.





Robert: I heard an interesting story yesterday from a friend of mine, Leona. You know her.

Megan: Oh yes. I remember her. She wants to be an artist, right?

Robert: That's right. I was shopping in town when I met her. She said she went to a seminar on positive thinking about a month ago.

Megan: Sounds interesting.

Robert: At the end, everyone closed their eyes and imagined something they really wanted. So she imagined she was driving her dream car, a Volkswagen Beetle, to an exhibition, and had her paintings in the back of the car.

Megan: Hmm. So, she was just imagining this?

Robert: Yes. But guess what? A week later a family friend bought a new car and gave her his old one. It's a Volkswagen Beetle!

Megan: Wow! Really? You're kidding!

Robert: No, it's true. I saw it. And a few days after that an art gallery in San Francisco e-mailed her to say they liked her website. They asked her to take some paintings over to show them.

Megan: What? Are you serious?

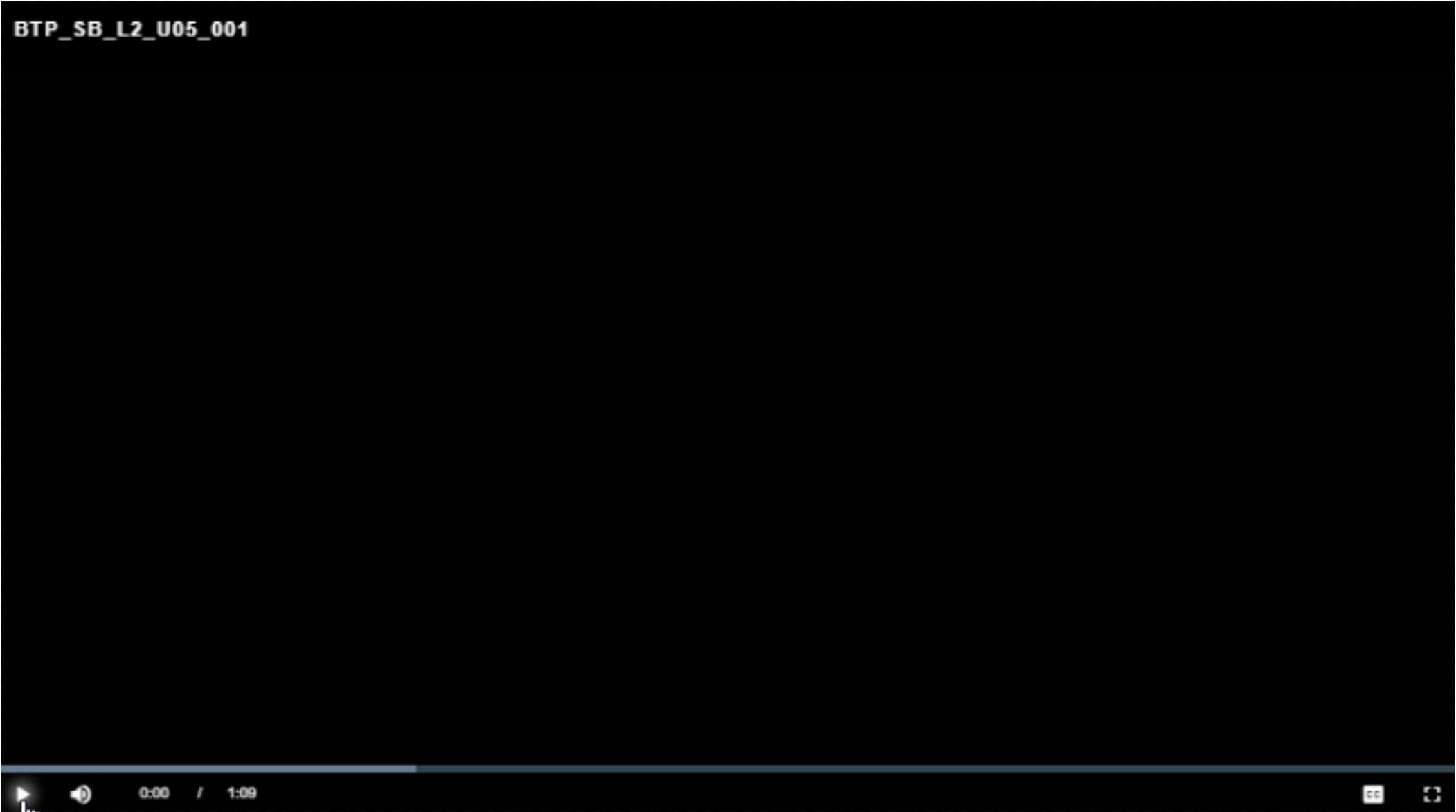
Robert: Absolutely. So, last Thursday she was driving the Beetle, with her paintings in the back, to show the art gallery. That's exactly what she was thinking about at the seminar.

Megan: Wow ... that's amazing. Her dream came true. Maybe I should try positive thinking!






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Language box



He **was shopping** when he met a friend.  32

She **told** him an interesting story.

She imagined **ed** she **was driving** to an exhibition.

Her dream **came** true.



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Grammar reference

Simple past and past continuous



We use the **past continuous** to talk about

1 actions in progress in the past:

He **was talking** about the weather for hours.

2 longer actions interrupted by shorter actions:

I **was watching** TV when the phone rang.

Affirmative

I/You/We/They **were studying** at nine o'clock last night.

He/She **was studying** when I arrived home.

Negative

I/You/We/They **weren't staying** in a hotel last summer.

He/She **wasn't staying** here on May 1.



Yes/No questions

Were you/we/they **driving** quickly?

Yes, you/we/they **were**.

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

Was I/he/she **working**?

Yes, I/he/she **was**.

No, I/he/she **wasn't**.

Wh- questions

What **were** you **doing** when I arrived?

Where **were** you **going**?

Why **was** he **feeling** angry?

Simple past vs. past continuous

Susan was reading a newspaper when the phone rang.



Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Last night James *took / was taking* a shower when the phone *rang / was ringing*.
- 2 *Were you meeting / Did you meet* your wife when you were in Korea?
- 3 The sun *didn't shine / wasn't shining* this morning.
- 4 *Did they wait / Were they waiting* for you when you *arrived / were arriving*?
- 5 *Did you have / Were you having* a good time at the party yesterday?
- 6 The boys *broke / were breaking* the window when they *played / were playing* football.

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Complete the sentences using the simple past or past continuous and the words in parentheses.

- 1 While Susan _____ (wait) for a bus she _____ (see) an old friend.
- 2 _____ (Eric / wear) a coat when he _____ (go out)?
- 3 I _____ (not / want) to get up this morning because it _____ (rain).
- 4 Tony _____ (drive) badly so the police _____ (stop) his car.
- 5 John _____ (turn) off the TV because nobody _____ (watch) it.
- 6 What _____ (you / say) when you _____ (hear) the news?



Challenge!

Complete these sentences.

Then read them to a partner.

I was coming to school today when ...

When I met my best friend, I ...

Last night I was ...

While I was shopping last week, I ...



Vocabulary

1 Match each adjective with a picture.

- 1 E impatient
- 2 ____ embarrassed
- 3 ____ excited
- 4 ____ angry
- 5 ____ upset
- 6 ____ pleased
- 7 ____ bored
- 8 ____ scared
- 9 ____ nervous





2 Make sentences about you.

- 1 The last time I was angry was ...
- 2 I sometimes get bored when ...
- 3 I get nervous when ...
- 4 The last time I was impatient was ...
- 5 I sometimes get scared when ...
- 6 I get upset when ...

Real life exchange

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A: I ¹ _____ yesterday.

B: Wow! I bet you were really ² _____.

What happened?

A: Well, I was ³ _____ when suddenly

I ⁴ _____.

B: Oh, that's ⁵ _____.

A: Yeah, I know.





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2 Use these words to make more conversations.

Conversation 1

1 saw Leonardo DiCaprio
2 excited
3 shopping downtown
4 saw him in a restaurant
5 wonderful

Conversation 2

1 broke my camera
2 upset
3 taking a picture
4 dropped it
5 terrible

Conversation 3

1 had a car accident
2 scared
3 driving home
4 hit a bus
5 awful