Academic English L3 (Модуль 2. Английский язык для академических целей L3) (1 semester)

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Grammar: Past Simple and Past Continuous

Past Indefinite (Past Simple)	Past Continuous
We use it	We use it
- for single or repeated finished actions in the past:	- to describe an unfinished action at or around a time in the past:
 He finished school in 2021. They learnt the basic skill of good writing at school. 	I wasn't feeling well that day, so I didn't go to university.
- for series of actions (when one thing	- for temporary past situations:
happens after another) in the past: We opened our books, read the task and started writing.	He was living with his family in Sochi at the time of 2014 Olympics. (He doesn't live there now.)
- for situations finished in the past: The lesson lasted from 10 to 11.	- for two actions/situations happening at the same time:
	While other groupmates were writing gramma exercises, Nick was doing vocabulary ones.
- with time expressions like: <i>yesterday, ago,</i> last week/month/year, when/after + past simple	- to criticize another person's actions (often with <i>always</i>):
	He was <u>always</u> using his phone during our seminars.
Interrupted actions:	
We use the past continuous and the past simple together to show that one action (past simple) interrupts another action (past continuous):	
• We were listening to a lecture, when the bell rang. (The continuous action stops.)	

 We were listening to a lecture, when Sasha entered the classroom. (The continuous action doesn't stop.)

Exercise 1. Fill in the gaps using the verbs in brackets in Past Simple or Past Continuous.

Exercise 2. Look at the sentences in exercise 1 and explain the usage of Past Simple and Past Continuous.

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