

Past Simple vs Past Continuous

Miguel: Continuaremos trabajando de modo virtual como lo veníamos haciendo, en esta instancia trabajaremos la comparación entre Past Simple (Trabajado en la Act 1) y Past Continuous. A continuación te dejo la explicación de ambas actividades para trabajar. Profesora, Marina.

El Past simple y Past Continuous se forman de la siguiente manera:

PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
AFFIRMATIVE Suj+V° en pasado (2ª col. o +ed) I play ed (Verbos regulares) He went (Verbos irregulares)	AFFIRMATIVE S+to be(en pasado)+ V°ing I was play ing He was play ing They were play ing
NEGATIVE Suj+didn't+V° I didn't play He didn't go	NEGATIVE S+to be(en pasado neg)+ V°ing I wasn't play ing He wasn't play ing They weren't play ing
INTERROGATIVE Did+Suj+V° Did you play? Did you go?	INTERROGATIVE To be(en pasado)+S+V°ing Were you play ing ? Was she play ing ?

- El tiempo pasado se usa para hablar de acciones que sucedieron en el pasado y ya han finalizado. Ejemplo. I WENT TO SCHOOL LAST YEAR. Las expresiones verbales más usadas son: LAST YEAR, AGO, YESTERDAY, LAST WEEK.
- El pasado continuo se utiliza para hablar de una acción que estaba sucediendo en el pasado en un momento específico.

WHEN AND WHILE

When(Cuando) and While(mientras) son expresiones que se utilizan con estos tiempos verbales, y nos permite diferenciar cual es el tiempo que debemos usar. Ambos pueden ubicarse al principio o en la mitad de la oración, como nexos entre ambos tiempos.

- **When** se utiliza seguido de Past Simple y si está en el medio, la oración anterior va en Pasado Continuo. Ejemplo: I was reading a book **WHEN** my mother arrived
- **While** se usa seguido de Past Continuous y si está en el medio de la oración, la parte anterior va en Pasado Simple. Ejemplo: My mother arrived while I was reading a book.

A continuación se explica de manera más clara.

'when' + short action (past simple tense)
'while' + long action (past continuous tense)

I was watching TV when Jim **knocked** the door.

I **was watching** TV **when** Jim **knocked** the door.

When Jim **knocked** the door , I **was watching** TV

Jim **knocked** the door **while** I **was watching** TV

While I **was watching** TV , Jim **knocked** the door

Activities:

1) Teniendo en cuenta lo explicado y los ejemplos, elige la opción correcta.

A) CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

- 1.-Anthony **called/was calling** while I **parked/was parking** the car.
- 2.-Miranda **drove/was driving** to work when she **saw/was seeing** the accident.
- 3.-Thomas **didn't watch/wasn't watching** the film when Sonia arrived home.
- 4.-Did he **lie/was he lying** on the sofa at 5,30 yesterday?
- 5.-When I **left/was leaving** the office, the phone **rang/was ringing**.
- 6.-It **snowed/was snowing** in the mountains when we got up yesterday.
- 7.-Barbara **was living/lived** in Paris when she was 15 years old.
- 8.-I **was writing/wrote** my blog on the Internet while you **slept/were sleeping**.
- 9.-While David **was recovering/recovered** in hospital, I decorated the flat.
- 10.-When I **was waking /woke** up, I realized that it **was getting /got** dark.

2) Completa las oraciones con la forma correcta de los verbos, usando Past Simple or Past Continuous.

B) COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

- 1.-Yesterday at 9,30 pm my parents (sit) in the garden (drink) some Coke.
- 2.- The chambermaid (make) my bed in the hotel and (clean) the bathroom u breakfast.
- 3.- Somebody (knock) on the door while I (read) the newspaper.
- 4.-My brother (buy) a lot of books when he (live) in Cambridge.
- 5.-William (not meet) Sally at the airport last Sunday.
- 6.-Jerry (have) dinner when the lights (go) out.
- 7.-The girl (feel) ill so she (not go) to work.
- 8.-When I (arrive) at the wedding, Miriam (introduce) me to some friends.
- 9.-Sarah (run) to catch the bus, when she (fall) down and (break) her ankle.
- 10.-Richard (teach) at the university when he (meet) his wife.



- 3) Read the sentences and write PC(Past Continuous)or P.S(Past Simple)
(Leer las oraciones y escribir PC o PS, según corresponda).

- A) I was watching tv with my friend.
- B) She went to school.
- C) My mother bought a car.
- D) He was studying for the exam.
- E) Paul played football yesterday.
- F) They were playing computer games.