

Unit 4

Past continuous , past simple

She **was reading** book while he **was washing up**. (or ... **read** ... **washed up**.)

(showing concurrency of two actions)

She **got** up when the alarm clock **went** off. (followed completed actions)

We **went** to Spain three times last year. (repeated past action)

Did you **drive** past her house every day? (repeated past action)

When he was in hospital, we **were visiting** him twice a day. (or ... we **visited** ...)

(use in spoken English for emphasis temporary period)

Last week I **was having** to bring work home every night to get it all done. (or ... **had** ...)

(emphasis surprisingly often)

Narrative (report a story)

Erika **dropped** her bag while she **was getting into** her car. (interruption)

She **was shaking** with anger as she **left** the hotel. (happen while situation was in progress)

We **were meaning** to call in and see you, but Marc wasn't feeling well. (or We **meant** ...)

(intended to do but didn't)

I **was thinking** of going to China next year, but it depends how much money I've got.

(less definite than **I'm thinking** of for talk about future)