**Lesson 8 - Past Simple or Past Progressive**

| **Past Simple** | **Past Progressive** |
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| **Form**     * I **worked** in Phnom Penh in 2002. * She **explained** me some lessons last night. | **Form**     * We **were working** at 9.00 last night. * She **was explaining** me some lessons at 10.00 last night. |
| **Use**   1. *Finished action in the past with* ***specific time***  * They did their homework last night. * Sreymao watched a movie on Monday last week.  1. *New action that interrupted another past action*  * My phone **rang** while I was taking a bath. * They were singing when I **arrived**.  1. *A series of action*  * I **got** home in the afternoon, then **had a bath**, and finally **took a nap**.   (got home **=>** had a bath **=>** took a nap)   * She went shopping, went to the movie, drank coffee at Brown Coffee, and then went home. | **Use**   1. *Finished action in the past at* ***point of time***  * They were doing their homework **at 8.00** last night. * Sreymao was watching a movie **at 7.30** last Monday night.  1. *Action that was interrupted by another past action*  * While I **was taking** a bath, my phone rang. * They **were singing** when I arrived.  1. *Two or more actions that were in progress at the same time*  * While I was teaching, some of my students were playing with their smartphones. * They were playing a video game while I was reviewing the lessons for my midterm exam. |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Complete the gaps with the correct form of* ***past progressive*** *with the verbs in the parentheses.*

1. The sun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shine) when I woke up this morning.
2. When I left the office, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
3. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (they/do) when I called?
4. Sokha \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/sleep) at 9.00pm last night.
5. Dara cut himself while he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shave).
6. They saw Preap Sovath while they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home from work.
7. While his brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games, Daroth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
8. Dary met his old friends while he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) into his new apartment.
9. The baby \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cry) while his mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) card.
10. Virak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework while Vichey \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (review) his lessons.
11. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home at 8.00am yesterday.

**Instruction 2:** *Complete the gaps with the correct form of* ***past simple or past progressive*** *with the verbs in the parentheses.*

1. While Dany \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) the piano, her mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) the dishes.
2. While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a loud bang.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) a lovely cat when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door.
4. When it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain, our dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to come inside.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/understand) what Dara \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing) many songs at the party last night.
7. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing) many songs at the party at 9.00 last night.
8. Dara \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a picture of his mother while she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a bench.
9. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) while I was having dinner?
10. After they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) their high school friends, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner together and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) each other about their family.
11. The little bird \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hop) around the garden when the dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (attack) it.
12. While the robber \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (run) away, the police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) him.
13. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the National Olympic Stadium with my family, and then we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) our neighbours.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in the queue when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my wallet.
15. At this time last year, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the national examinations.

**Instruction 3:** *Write two sentences with* ***past simple*** *and* ***past progressive*** *with the following verbs.*

1. Eat
   1. Past simple
   2. Past progressive
2. Play
   1. Past simple
   2. Past progressive
3. Have
   1. Past simple
   2. Past progressive