**PAST CONTINUOUS OR SIMPLE PAST**

1. Read the article. Why does Carol use the word “miracle”?

Carol Simmons met Barbara and Sonia while **she was staying** at a hotel in Phuket, Thailand.

On 26th December, the three women were at the hotel pool. The sun was shining. Carol was reading while **her friends were swimming**. Then it happened. Carol was looking up at the beautiful sky when she saw an enormous wall of water. Seconds later, the tsunami crashed over them. They were under water for about a minute, but fortunately, all three women survived.

‘It was a miracle!’ Carol says.

FORM. (Past Continuous).

Fill in the blanks to complete the general rule: **verb to be in the past - ing - Subject - main verb**

\_\_\_\_\_\_subject\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_verb to be\_\_in the past\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_main verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing\_\_\_\_

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| **AFFIRMATIVE** | **NEGATIVE** | **QUESTION** |
| I/He/She/It \_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_ studying when my mom entered my room.  We/you/they \_\_\_were\_\_\_\_ watching TV when the electricity went off. | I/He/She/It \_\_was\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_not\_\_\_\_\_ studying…  we/you/they \_\_\_were\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_not\_\_\_\_\_ \_watching\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV... | \_\_was\_\_\_\_\_ I/he/she/it \_\_studying\_\_\_\_\_ when my mom entered my room?  \_\_were\_\_\_\_\_\_ we/you/they \_\_watching\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV…? |

B. Look back at the text: do the words *when* and *while* refer to time or place?

FUNCTION. Complete column 2 with examples form ex. A. Then, choose the correct options to complete the sentences in column 1.

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| **Past Continuous**  We use the past continuous to describe the (1) background scene / (2) events and actions. | The sun (3) \_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_shining\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Carol (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_was reading\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Past Simple**  We use the past simple to describe the (5) background scene / (6) events and actions. | The tsunami (7) \_crashed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over them.  All three women (8) survived\_\_\_\_\_. |
| **When and while**  We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress when another short action happened. We use the past simple for the short action.  We use (9) when / (10) while to introduce the action in progress.  We use (11) when / (12) while to introduce the short action. | Carol was looking up at the beautiful sky (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_when\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she saw an enormous wall of water.  Carol met Barbara and Sonia (14) \_\_\_while\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she was staying at a hotel in Phuket. |

PRACTISE

1.Complete the sentences using simple past or past continuous.

1. He (print) \_\_was printing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the multifunction device when it (stop) \_stopped\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working.
2. The printer (run) \_was ranning\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of ink while I (use) \_used\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. We (look) \_\_\_\_\_were looking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the company when some problems (occur) \_\_occured\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The new accountant (get) \_got\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an error message while she (try) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_trying\_\_\_\_ to save a spreadsheet.
5. Lucy and Sophie (watch) \_\_were watching\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a movie when the electricity (go) \_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off.

2.Read the information in the table. Complete the sentences and questions.

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| **What were you doing yesterday afternoon?** | Bruno | Venessa | you |
| Chat with friends online | √ | x | √ |
| Shop online | √ | √ | √ |
| Listen to music | √ | x | x |
| Study English | x | x | x |
| Send emails | √ | √ | √ |

1. Bruno \_\_was chatting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ online with friends yesterday.
2. He \_\_\_\_was sending\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emails.
3. Vanessa \_\_\_was not chatting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ online with friends yesterday.
4. She \_\_\_was\_\_shopping\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ online.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bruno \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_shopping\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ online?

B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vanessa \_\_\_\_\_listening\_to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ music?

B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_was not\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bruno and Vanessa \_\_\_sending\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emails?

B: \_\_\_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bruno and Vanessa \_studying\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English?

B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they \_were not\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3.Now, complete the survey in the previous exercise with your own information. Then write 5 sentences about what you were or weren’t doing yesterday.

1. Yes,I was chatting with my friends, Liz and Mildreth wrote me to whatsapp.
2. Yes,I was shopping one mousse for the computer when the wifi signal was weak .
3. No, I was not listening to music.
4. No, I was not studying english
5. Yes , I was sending an emails because I needed one prescription