

# GRAMMAR: Past Simple Vs Past Continuous



Last Monday morning, I **was walking** to school when I **saw** a friend of mine. He **was waiting** for the bus. He **didn't see** me because he **was watching** something on his phone.



# GRAMMAR: Past Simple Vs Past Continuous

I **was walking** to school when I **saw** a friend of mine.



Long Past Action



Short Past Action

He **didn't see** me because he **was watching** something on his phone.



Short Past Action



Long Past Action



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## Past Continuous Forms

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**Subject + was / were + Verb + ing**

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**Subject + wasn't / weren't + Verb + ing**

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**was/were + Subject + Verb + ing ?**

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**Wh-word + was/were + Subject + Verb + ing ?**

# GRAMMAR: Past Simple Vs Past Continuous

**when + past simple (short action)**

**I was walking to school when I saw a friend of mine.**

**while + past continuous (long action)**

**My friend was watching something on his phone while  
he was waiting for the bus.**



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**Practice: Put the verbs in the past simple or continuous.**

1. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (go out).
2. Last weekend, I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework while my sister \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
3. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) last night, I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get up), \_\_\_\_\_ (switch on) the light, and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) downstairs to see what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) just the cat. It \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with my sister's doll.

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Practice: Put the verbs in the past simple or continuous.

1. Yesterday, I was having dinner when the electricity went out.
2. Last weekend, I was doing my homework while my sister was watching TV.
3. While I was sleeping last night, I heard a strange noise. I got up, switched on the light, and went downstairs to see what happened. It was just the cat. It was playing with my sister's doll.

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Practice: What were they doing yesterday from 10am to 11am?



He was waiting for the bus.

