

Past Continuous vs. Simple Past

Trecutul continuu vs. trecutul simplu în limba engleză

O alarmă sună în timpul unui experiment, un animal misterios apare pe neașteptate, iar o seară liniștită în tabără se transformă într-o adevărată aventură. Cu ajutorul acestei fișe de lucru, vei învăța să povestești în engleză ce se întâmpla și ce a schimbat brusc cursul acțiunii.

Pregătit/ă? Acțiunea începe... acum!

1 Background or Boom? | Decor sau surpriză?

Write **PC** (Past Continuous) next to the action already in progress and **SP** (Simple Past) next to the event that interrupted or changed it.

Scrive **PC** (Past Continuous) în dreptul acțiunii aflate în desfășurare și **SP** (Simple Past) lângă evenimentul care a întrerupt-o sau a schimbat-o.

1. We **were studying a map** ___ when the compass **fell into the river**. ___
2. The goalkeeper **was watching the ball** ___ when a pigeon **landed on his head**. ___
3. While I **was recording the thunder** ___, my phone **stopped working**. ___

4. The audience **was waiting quietly** ___ when the magician **appeared behind them.** ___
5. A fox **crossed the path** ___ while we **were cycling through the forest.** ___
6. The printer **made a terrible noise** ___ while our group **was preparing the school newspaper.** ___
7. While the twins **were building a tree house** ___, they **found an old metal box.** ___
8. The lights **went out** ___ while everyone **was dancing at the school party.** ___
9. I **was examining a strange footprint** ___ when something **moved behind the bushes.** ___
10. The fire alarm **rang** ___ while the class **was testing a miniature rocket.** ___

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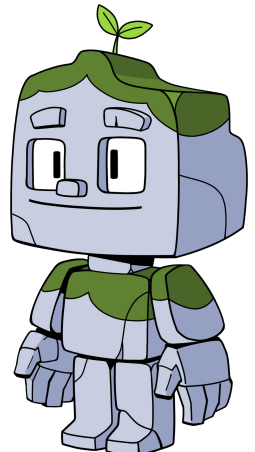
The Perfect Caption | Descrierea potrivită

Choose the sentence that correctly describes each situation.

Alege propoziția care descrie corect fiecare situație în parte.

1. The lights suddenly went out during dinner.

- a) We ate dinner when the lights were going out.
- b) We were eating dinner when the lights went out.
- c) We were ate dinner when the lights went out.



2. A parrot interrupted the online lesson.

- a) While the teacher explained the task, a parrot was flying onto her screen.
- b) While the teacher was explain the task, a parrot flew onto her screen.
- c) While the teacher was explaining the task, a parrot flew onto her screen.

3. A wheel came off the robot during the race.

- a) The robot was racing towards the finish line when one wheel came off.
- b) The robot raced towards the finish line when one wheel was coming off.
- c) The robot were racing towards the finish line when one wheel came off.

4. The dog discovered something during a walk.

- a) While the dog dug near the fence, it was finding a toy dinosaur.
- b) While the dog was digging near the fence, it found a toy dinosaur.
- c) While the dog digging near the fence, it found a toy dinosaur.

5. A wave surprised the sandcastle builders.

- a) We were decorating the sandcastle when a huge wave destroyed it.
- b) We decorated the sandcastle when a huge wave was destroying it.
- c) We were decorate the sandcastle when a huge wave destroyed it.

6. A squirrel visited the art class.

- a) The children painted when a squirrel was jumping through the window.
- b) The children were painted when a squirrel jumped through the window.
- c) The children were painting when a squirrel jumped through the window.

7. Someone interrupted a secret conversation.

- a) While Juno and Malik were whispered, the door opened.
- b) While Juno and Malik was whispering, the door opened.
- c) While Juno and Malik were whispering, the door opened.

8. A message arrived during the game.

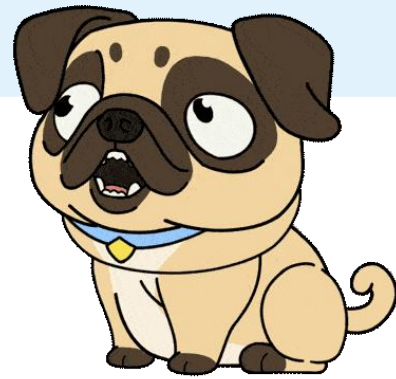
- a) Esme was solving the final puzzle when her smartwatch buzzed.
- b) Esme solved the final puzzle when her smartwatch was buzzing.
- c) Esme were solving the final puzzle when her smartwatch buzzed.

9. A strange object appeared during the picnic.

- a) We had a picnic when a balloon was landing beside us.
- b) We were having a picnic when a weather balloon landed beside us.
- c) We were have a picnic when a weather balloon landed beside us.

10. The doorbell interrupted the music practice.

- a) Niko was practising the drums when the doorbell rang.
- b) Niko practised the drums when the doorbell was ringing.
- c) Niko were practising the drums when the doorbell rang.



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The Sentence Scrambler Mașina de încurcat propoziții

Put the words in the correct order.

Așază cuvintele în ordinea corectă.

1. was / when / the ladder / exploring / I / slipped / the attic

2. while / found / they / a hidden tunnel / were hiking / they

3. rang / was answering / the final question / the bell / while / I

4. the campsite / were sleeping / entered / everyone / a wild goat / while

5. her glasses / was looking for / found / inside the fridge / Alba / she / when

6. interrupted / the match / a storm / while / we / were watching / it

7. was flying / disappeared / over the hill / the drone / when / it

8. while / the ancient vase / dropped / was cleaning / the assistant / he / it

9. began / the children / home / were walking / when / it / to snow

10. was opening / jumped out / the parcel / a toy spider / I / while

The Creature in Cabin Seven Creatura din cabana șapte

Complete the story with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.
Completează povestea cu formele corecte ale verbelor din paranteză.

It was the final night of the adventure camp, and everyone was preparing for the talent show. Liora _____ (practise) a card trick near the stage, while Benji _____ (connect) the speakers.

Suddenly, a loud crash _____ (come) from Cabin Seven.

The music stopped. Everyone stared at the dark cabin. The camp leader _____ (walk) towards the door when another strange noise _____ (shake) the windows.

“Something is in there!” someone shouted.

While the other campers _____ (hide) behind the picnic tables, Liora picked up a torch. She slowly opened the cabin door. A shadow _____ (move) across the wall, and two bright eyes appeared under one of the beds.

Benji _____ (try) to call for help when the mysterious creature _____ (run) straight towards them. Everyone screamed.

Then the creature stopped beside a bowl of popcorn. It was not a monster at all. It was a small goat wearing a superhero cape. While the campers _____ (laugh), the goat calmly finished the popcorn.

5 Director for a Day | Regizor pentru o zi

Turn each pair of notes into one complete sentence. Use **when** or **while** and the correct verb forms. More than one word order may be possible.

Transformă fiecare pereche de indicii într-o propoziție completă. Folosește **when** sau **while** și formele corecte ale verbelor. Sunt posibile mai multe variante corecte.

1. I / search my locker + discover a tiny paper aeroplane

2. the class / take a test + the school mascot enter the room

3. my neighbours / watch a meteor shower + their garden lights switch on

4. the rescue team / cross the bridge + hear a cry for help

5. Amina / design a video game character + her computer freeze

6. an owl / land on a sign + we / walk back to the cabin

7. Hugo / carry the birthday cake + trip over a skateboard

8. the tourists / explore the castle + find a secret staircase

9. I / wait for the bus + see my teacher riding a scooter

10. the children / collect shells + a dolphin appear near the shore

What a story! | Ce aventură!**Ai învățat:**

- cum să descrii o acțiune care era în desfășurare în trecut;
- cum să prezinți un eveniment care a întrerupt sau a schimbat o acțiune;
- cum să folosești Past Continuous și Simple Past în aceeași poveste;
- cum să construiești propoziții cu when și while.

Poți reveni la această fișă ori de câte ori vrei să transformi întâmplările din trecut în povești pline de acțiune!



Answers

Răspunsuri

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Background or Boom? | Decor sau surpriză?

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5. A fox crossed the path - SP; we were cycling through the forest - PC.
6. The printer made a terrible noise - SP; our group was preparing the school newspaper - PC.
7. The twins were building a tree house - PC; they found an old metal box - SP.
8. The lights went out - SP; everyone was dancing at the school party - PC.
9. I was examining a strange footprint - PC; something moved behind the bushes - SP.
10. The fire alarm rang - SP; the class was testing a miniature rocket - PC.

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The Perfect Caption | Descrierea potrivită

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7. c) While Juno and Malik were whispering, the door opened.
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10. a) Niko was practicing the drums when the doorbell rang.



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1. I was exploring the attic when the ladder slipped.
2. While they were hiking, they found a hidden tunnel.
3. The bell rang while I was answering the final question.
4. A wild goat entered the campsite while everyone was sleeping.
5. Alba was looking for her glasses when she found them inside the fridge.
6. A storm interrupted the match while we were watching it.
7. The drone was flying over the hill when it disappeared.
8. The assistant dropped the ancient vase while he was cleaning it.
9. The children were walking home when it began to snow.
10. While I was opening the parcel, a toy spider jumped out.

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The Creature in Cabin Seven | Creatura din cabana șapte

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