
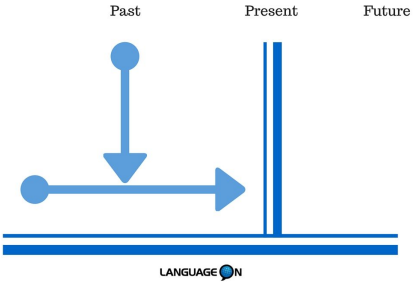
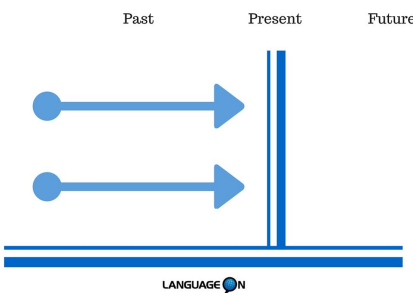
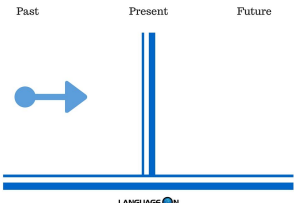


PAST SIMPLE vs PAST CONTINUOUS (Beginner)

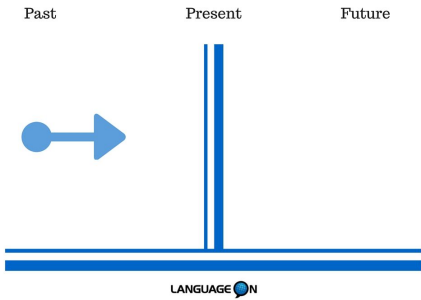
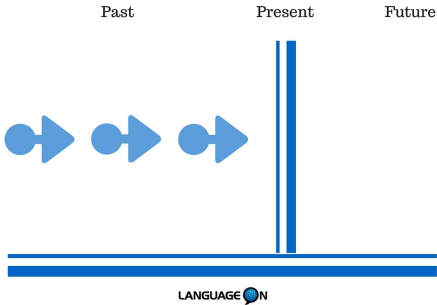
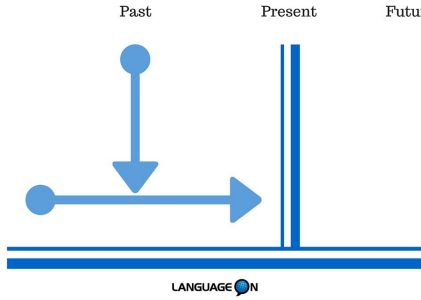
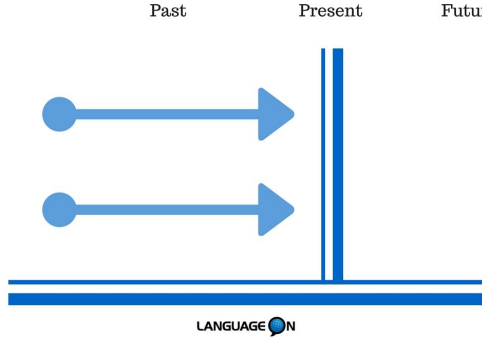
Past Continuous

Some Signal Words	Form
When While Note: Specific times/dates can also be used	I + WAS He/She/It + WAS +  V1 + ING You/We/They + WERE
1. To show a past action in progress during another shorter past action or a specific time. 	2. To describe multiple actions happening at the same time in the past. 
When it started to rain, I was walking on the beach. I was doing my homework when she called. I was eating breakfast at 7:00.	While Sara was sleeping , John was watching TV. Tom was studying and Susan was teaching . They were eating while she was talking .

Past Simple

Some Signal Words	Form
Last... (week, year, month, etc.) In 1990..... Yesterday....	<p style="text-align: center;">SUBJECT + V2 (V2 = -ED or IRREGULAR FORM**)</p>
1. Finished action in the PAST. 	I lived in Italy in 2001. You worked in a bank last year. Yesterday, I walked on the beach. She saw him last week.

PAST SIMPLE VS. PAST CONTINUOUS (Intermediate)

<p style="text-align: center;">Past Simple V2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Past Continuous TO BE + V1 + ING</p>
<p>1. We use the Simple Past to describe a finished action in the past.</p>  <p>She drank coffee yesterday. I worked in an advertisement agency in from 2009 to 2011. I went to the beach yesterday afternoon. I stayed on the beach for two hours.</p> <p>2. We also use the Simple Past to show order of events in the past. Order of events can sometimes be shown with words like <i>when, before, after, then, and first, second, third</i> etc.</p>  <p>After I talked to Mike, I went to the beach. First I watched a movie, then I did my homework. I came to school, I poured a cup of coffee, and I sat down.</p>	<p>1. We use the Past Continuous to describe a past action in progress during another shorter past action or a specific time.</p>  <p>She was drinking coffee when I called. I was working in an advertising agency in 2010. I was lying on the beach for two hours before it started to rain.</p> <p>2. We also use the Past Continuous to describe multiple actions happening at the same time in the past.</p>  <p>While Sara was sleeping, John was watching TV. Tom was studying and Susan was teaching. They were eating while she was talking.</p>

PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

EXERCISES & PRACTICE

A. Answer the questions below.

1. What were you doing at 7:35 this morning?

_____.

2. Where did you live when you were a child?

_____.

3. What was your friend doing when you last called them?

_____.

B. Read the paragraph below. Find the 5 mistakes. Circle the mistakes and write the correct sentence.

My friend Steve lives in Newcastle. When I was calling him yesterday, he was answering immediately. Steve said he was being busy and couldn't talk. He was having a lot of work yesterday and didn't even having time for lunch.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

EXERCISES & PRACTICE CONTINUED...

C. Write questions to find out about your partner's childhood. Use the *Past Simple* and *Past Simple Continuous* in the questions. Ask your partner the questions, discuss, and take notes.

Example: Who was your best friend when you were 10 years old?

1. _____ ?
2. _____ ?
3. _____ ?
4. _____ ?

D. After you have interviewed a classmate or the teacher with the questions above, write a short paragraph reporting what you learned from them. Use the focus verb tenses as much as possible.

F. Past Simple and Past Continuous: Complete the following sentences with the correct verb forms.

1. When you called yesterday at 8:00, I (mop) _____ the floor while Jane (cook) _____ dinner.
2. Before I (come) _____ to the exciting city of Miami, my life (be) _____ very boring.
3. I (sleep) _____ when she (call) _____ .