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I. PAST TENSES

I.1. Past simple continuous tense

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The past simple continuous tense can be used to describe an action that ongoing in the past. Also, it can be used to describe two actions happening in the past namely : **case (1)** the first action was started and finished in the past but the second one was started and continued in the past. **Case (2)** both actions were started and continued in the past at the same time.

I.1.1. Affirmative form (Different usages)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions that ongoing in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He <u>was watching</u> a movie last night. - She <u>was living</u> here last year. - Tom and Ben <u>were working</u> at 9 p.m. - The dog was eating dinner 5 minutes ago.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two actions happening in the past (the first action was started and finished in the past but the second one was started and continued in the past) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I <u>was playing</u> cards <u>when</u> you <u>called</u>. - The cat <u>was eating</u> <u>when</u> Eric <u>came</u> home. - John and I <u>were walking</u> <u>when</u> we <u>saw</u> Jim. - <u>When</u> we <u>were sleeping</u>, Jim <u>arrived</u>. - <u>When</u> they <u>were studying</u>, it <u>started</u> to rain.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two actions happening at the same time in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I <u>was playing</u> soccer <u>while</u> she <u>was watching</u> me. - I <u>was speaking</u> English <u>while</u> they <u>were listening</u> to me. - <u>While</u> her husband <u>was driving</u>, she <u>was taking</u> pictures. - <u>While</u> we <u>were eating</u>, the music <u>was playing</u>.
I.1.2. Negative form (By using : "was not" or "were not" / "wasn't" or "weren't")	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aff : She was reading last night. - Aff : We were listening to music this morning. - Aff : We was watching TV when his dad came home. - Aff : They were talking while the game was playing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aff : She <u>wasn't</u> reading last night. - Aff : We <u>weren't</u> listening to music this morning. - Aff : I <u>wasn't</u> watching TV when my dad came home. - Aff : They <u>weren't</u> talking while the game was playing.
I.1.3. Interrogative form and possible answers (Closed questions using WAS or WERE / YES - NO answers)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interro : <u>Was it</u> raining this morning? - Interro : <u>Were they</u> living there when the fire happened? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, it was / No, it wasn't - Yes, they were / No, they weren't

I.1.4. Interrogative form and possible answers (Open questions or WH questions)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What <u>were they</u> doing last night? - Where <u>was he</u> traveling last month? - Why <u>was she</u> crying when she finished the book? - Who <u>were the children</u> staying with while their mom was working? - Who <u>was she</u> talking to while her mom was working? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They were reading a <u>book</u>. - He was traveling to <u>China</u>. - She was crying because <u>the ending was sad</u>. - The children were staying with <u>their dad</u>. - She was talking to <u>her boyfriend</u>?
I.1.5. Practices (Fill in the blanks and find the mistakes.)	
• Checkup 01 : (Actions that ongoing in the past)	• Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last night, they were ----- (not stay) at school. - Two days ago, you ----- (not play) soccer. - Yesterday, she were reading at home. - Tomorrow, they were seeing their friends. 	----- ----- ----- -----
• Checkup 02 : (Two actions happening in the past : the first action was started and finished in the past but the second one was started and continued in the past)	• Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea and John ----- (ski) when they ----- (get) hurt. - It ----- not raining when the game ----- (start). - It wasn't study at the library yesterday. - We did meet our friends last weekend. 	----- ----- ----- -----
• Checkup 03 : (Two actions happening at the same time in the past)	• Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone ----- (steal) my bicycle while I ----- (shop). - While she ----- (cook), his boyfriend ----- (clean). - Jim was looking for us while we get off the plane. - While my wife sleep, I was watching TV. 	----- ----- ----- -----