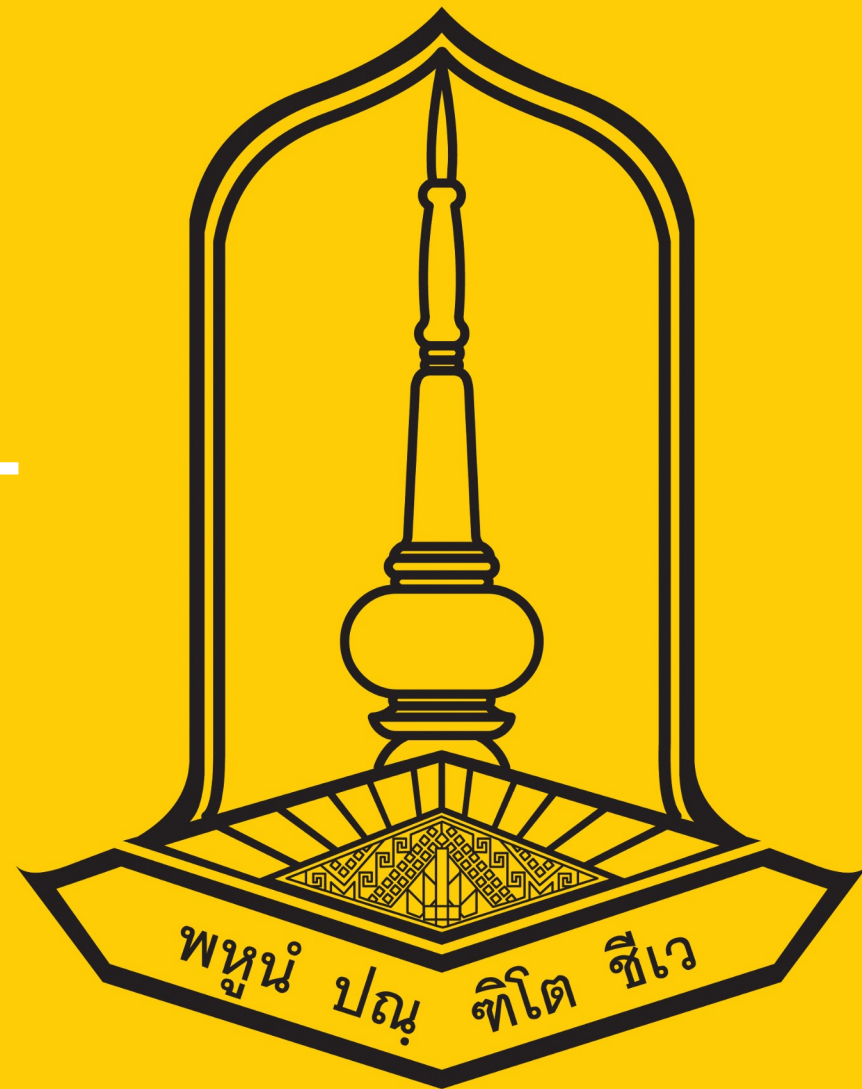


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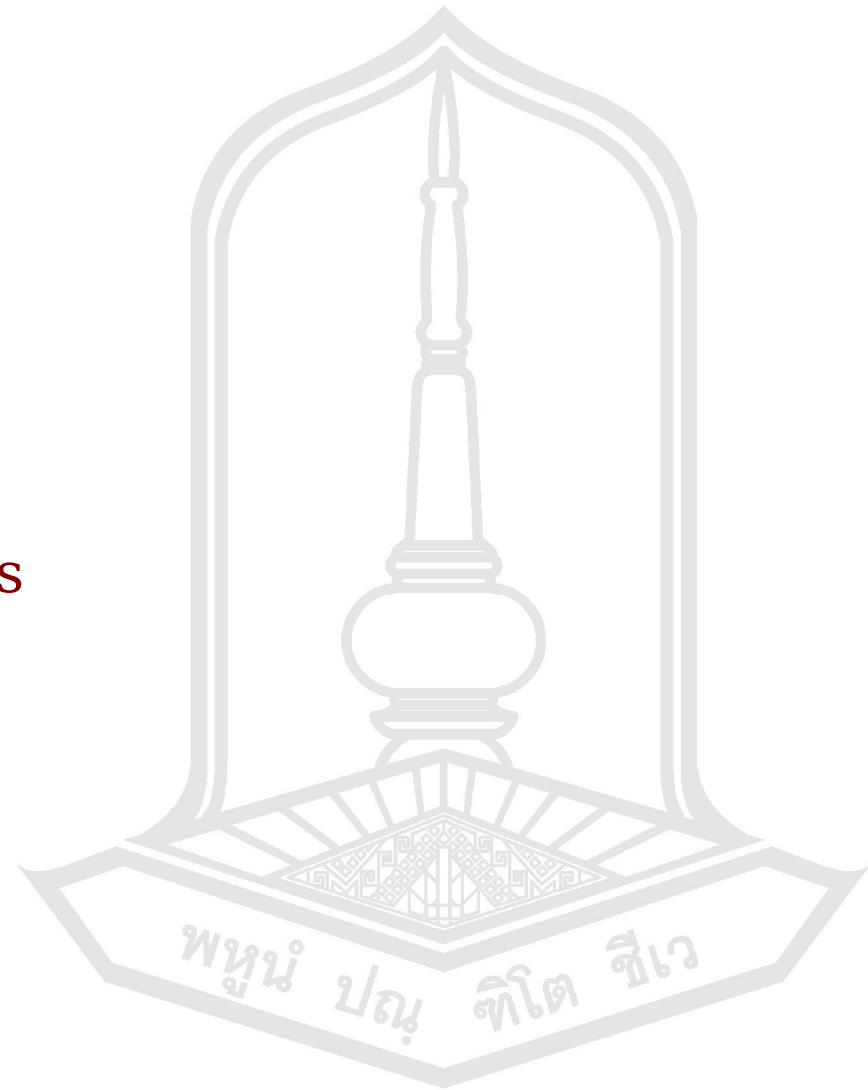
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TENSES

Past simple & Continuous Tenses

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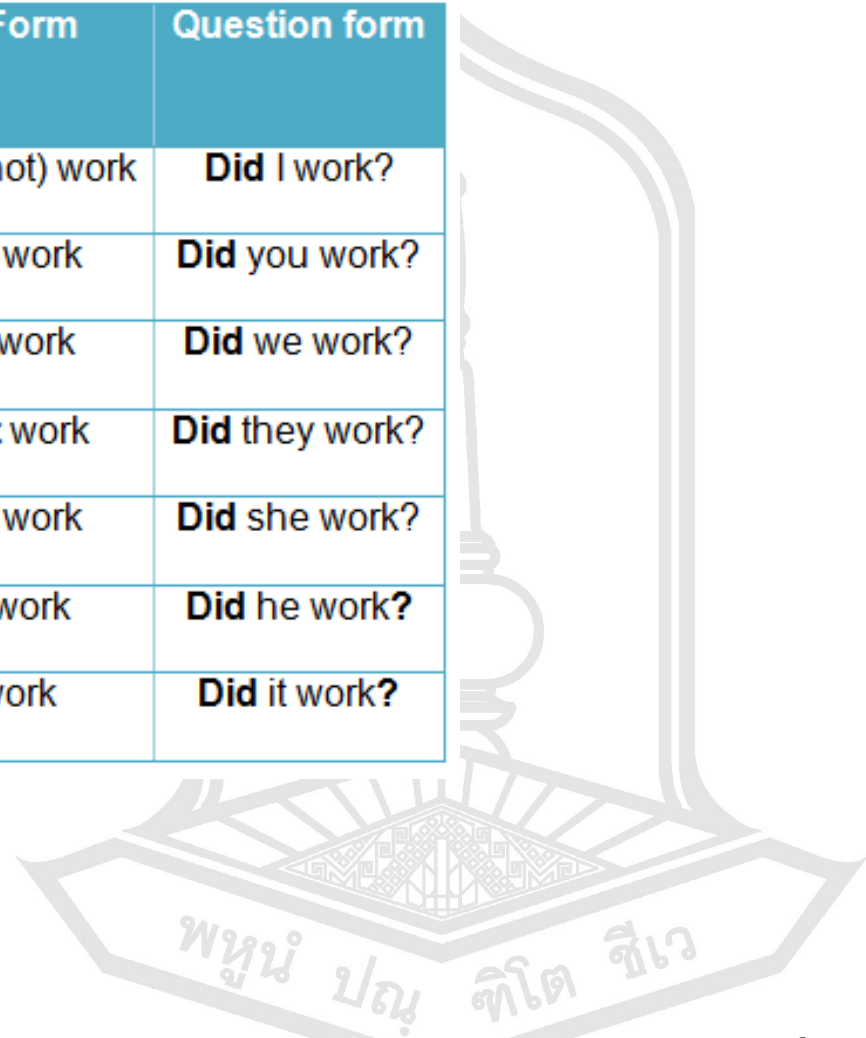
structure

Past simple		
Form	Use	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• affirmative: subject + past verb• negative: subject + <i>didn't</i> + verb• question: <i>did</i> + subject + verb• Remember that in the affirmative we use the <i>-ed</i> form in regular verbs and the form from the second column in irregular ones. In the negative and interrogative we only need the infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• actions completed at a specific time in the past (finished action + finished time)• Key words: <i>when / yesterday / last week / in 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I played cards with them.• We went for a walk last week.• She didn't come with me last night.• My friends didn't understand the mistake.• Did you like the match?• Did the concert finish at 10?

Past continuous		
Form	Use	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject + <i>was / were</i> + (not) + <i>-ing</i>• Remember the rules for <i>-ing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• actions in progress at a particular time in the past• Key words: <i>while / as / at 9 o'clock</i> (or any other time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They were watching TV while I was studying Music.• She wasn't paying attention• Were they listening to the radio as they were crossing the road?

cr. <https://www.tes.com/lessons/uR0JVKzTuVZ1IA/past-simple-versus-past-continuous-9>

Positive form	Negative Form	Question form
I worked	I didn't (=did not) work	Did I work?
You worked	You didn't work	Did you work?
We worked	We didn't work	Did we work?
They worked	They didn't work	Did they work?
She worked	She didn't work	Did she work?
He worked	He didn't work	Did he work?
It worked	It didn't work	Did it work?



INFINITIVE	PRESENT SIMPLE			PAST SIMPLE		
	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
to look	I look He looks	I don't look He doesn't look	Do I look? Does he look?	I looked He looked	I didn't look He didn't look	Did I look? Did he look?
to drop	I drop He drops	I don't drop He doesn't drop	Do I drop? Does he drop?	I dropped He dropped	I didn't drop He didn't drop	Did I drop? Did he drop?
to enjoy	I enjoy He enjoys	I don't enjoy He doesn't enjoy	Do I enjoy? Does he enjoy?	I enjoyed He enjoyed	I didn't enjoy He didn't enjoy	Did I enjoy? Did he enjoy?
to enter	I enter He enters	I don't enter He doesn't enter	Do I enter? Does he enter?	I entered He entered	I didn't enter He didn't enter	Did I enter? Did he enter?
to pose	I pose He poses	I don't pose He doesn't pose	Do I pose? Does he pose?	I posed He posed	I didn't pose He didn't pose	Did I pose? Did he pose?
to stay	I stay He stays	I don't stay He doesn't stay	Do I stay? Does he stay?	I stayed He stayed	I didn't stay He didn't stay	Did I stay? Did he stay?
to stop	I stop He stops	I don't stop He doesn't stop	Do I stop? Does he stop?	I stopped He stopped	I didn't stop He didn't stop	Did I stop? Did he stop?
to study	I study He studies	I don't study He doesn't study	Do I study? Does he study?	I studied He studied	I didn't study He didn't study	Did I study? Did he study?
to talk	I talk He talks	I don't talk He doesn't talk	Do I talk? Does he talk?	I talked He talked	I didn't talk He didn't talk	Did I talk? Did he talk?
to travel	I travel He travels	I don't travel He doesn't travel	Do I travel? Does he travel?	I travelled He travelled	I didn't travel He didn't travel	Did I travel? Did he travel?
to visit	I visit He visits	I don't visit He doesn't visit	Do I visit? Does he visit?	I visited He visited	I didn't visit He didn't visit	Did I visit? Did he visit?
to walk	I walk He walks	I don't walk He doesn't walk	Do I walk? Does he walk?	I walked He walked	I didn't walk He didn't walk	Did I walk? Did he walk?
to watch	I watch He watches	I don't watch He doesn't watch	Do I watch? Does he watch?	I watched He watched	I didn't watch He didn't watch	Did I watch? Did he watch?

PAST TIME

Simple Past

Use A completed past action: *Matt **broke** his leg.*
A past habitual action or state of being: *I **played** chess when I **was** young.*

Form past tense (usually base form + ed)

Verb Forms	Negative	Question	Negative Question
I ate.	I did not eat. I didn't eat.	Did I eat? —Yes, I did.	Did I not eat? (<i>rare</i>) Didn't I eat?
You ate.	You did not eat. You didn't eat.	Did you eat? —No, you didn't.	Did you not eat? (<i>rare</i>) Didn't you eat?
He ate.	He did not eat. He didn't eat.	Did he eat? —Yes, he did.	Did he not eat? (<i>rare</i>) Didn't he eat?

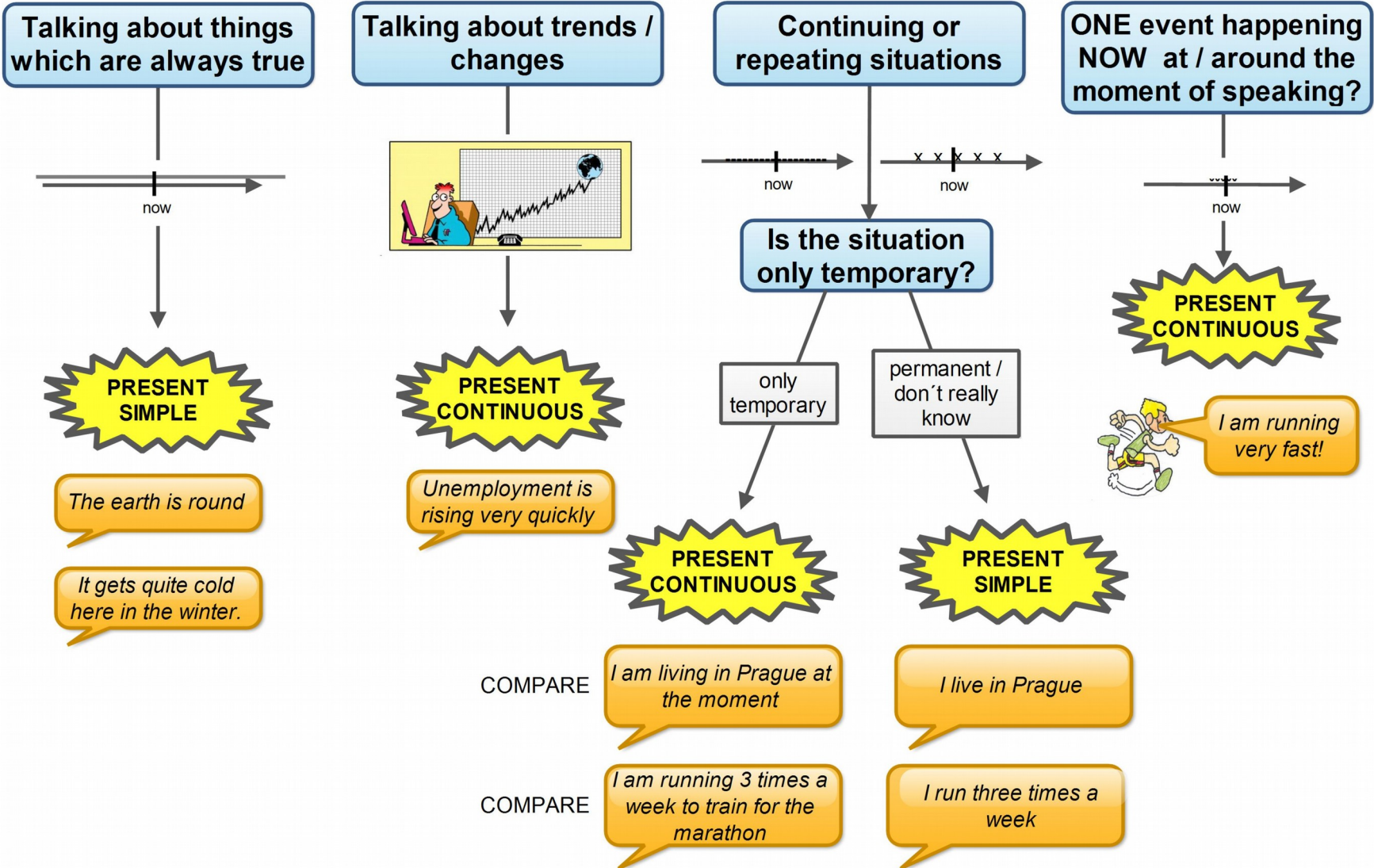
Past Continuous

Use An interrupted past action or state: *I **was sleeping** when you called.*

Form present tense of to be + -ing form of verb

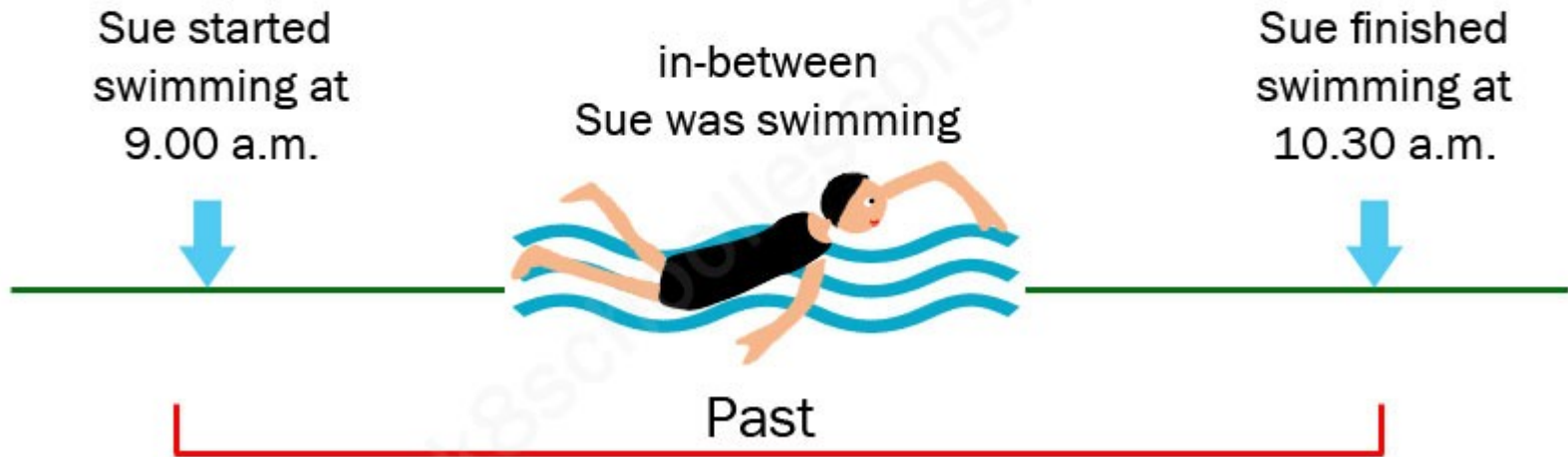
Verb Forms	Negative	Question	Negative Question
I was eating.	I was not eating. I wasn't eating.	Was I eating? —No, I wasn't.	Was I not eating? Wasn't I eating?
You were eating.	You were not eating. You weren't eating.	Were you eating? —Yes, you were.	Were you not eating? Weren't you eating?
He was eating.	He was not eating. He wasn't eating.	Was he eating? —No, he wasn't.	Was he not eating? Wasn't he eating?

Present Simple or Present Continuous?



Past simple & continuous tense

Explanation of the Past Continuous Tense



Past Simple and Continuous

I **was watching** television when she **rang** me.

past continuous

past simple

My sister **cut** her finger while she **was chopping** some onions.

past simple

past continuous

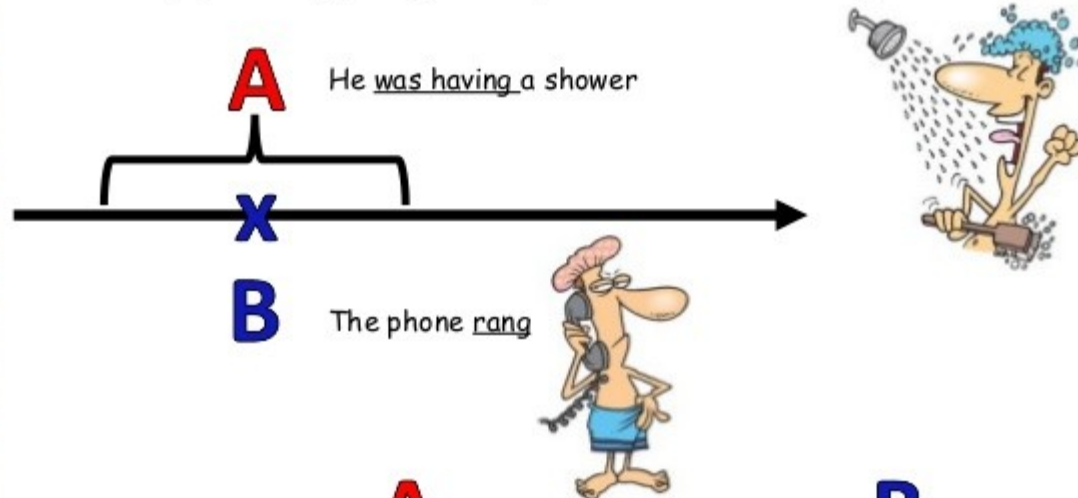
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Past Simple and Continuous

Past continuous-Past simple

An action (A) was happening in the past when an action (B) interrupted



WHILE he was having a shower, the the phone rang

He was having a shower, WHEN the the phone rang

Past Simple and Continuous

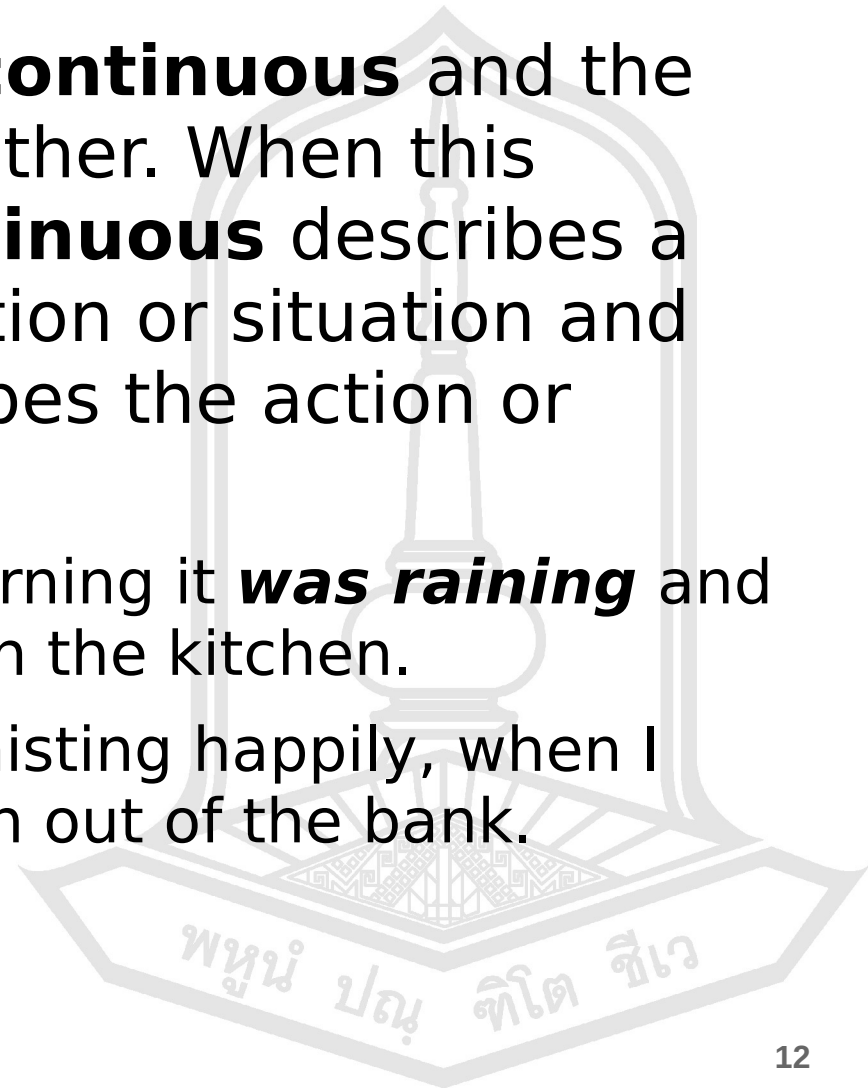
- The most common use of the **past continuous** tense is to talk about something that was happen around a particular time in the past.
 - What **were** you **doing** at 8 o'clock last night? I **was watching** television. (*I started watching television before 8 o'clock and I continued watching it after 8 o'clock.*)
 - In 1994 he **was working** in a small town in Poland.
 - At 6 o'clock on Saturday morning we **were traveling** to the airport.

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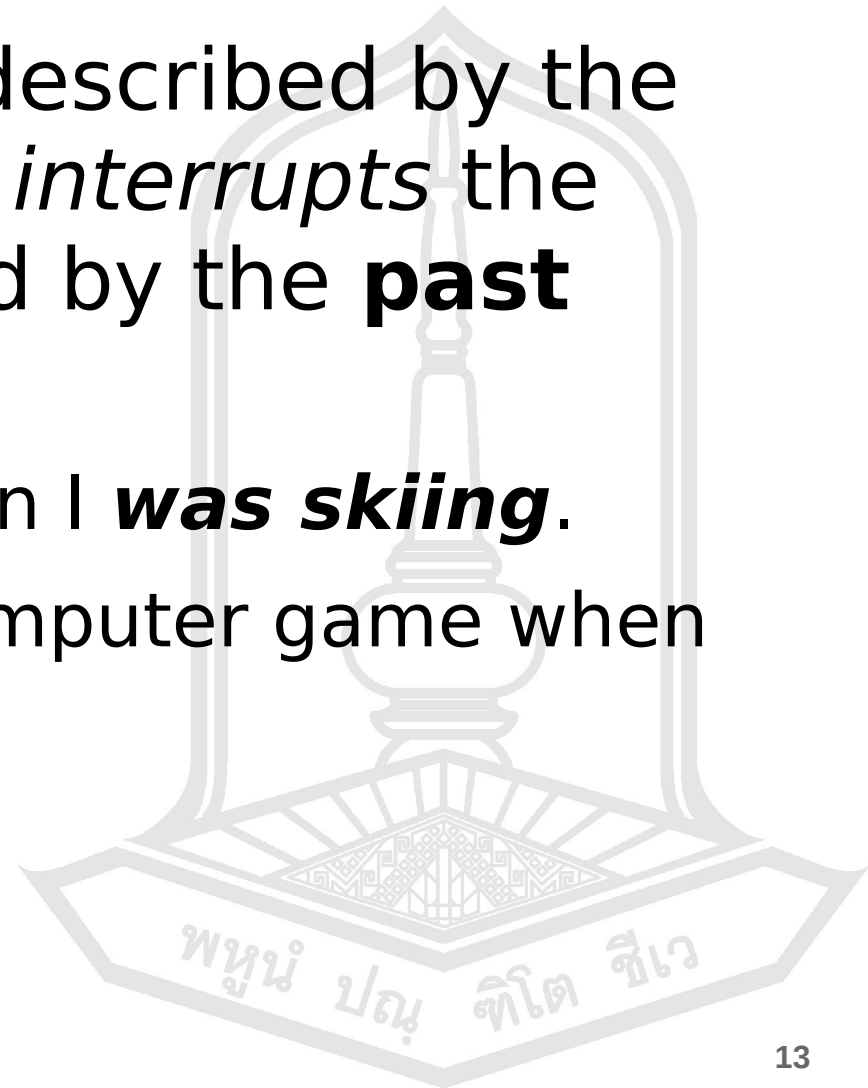
Past Simple and Continuous

- We often use the **past continuous** and the **past simple** tense together. When this happens, the **past continuous** describes a longer, 'background' action or situation and the **past simple** describes the action or events.
 - When ***I woke up*** this morning it ***was raining*** and my father ***was singing*** in the kitchen.
 - I ***was walking*** home, whistling happily, when I ***saw*** two masked men run out of the bank.



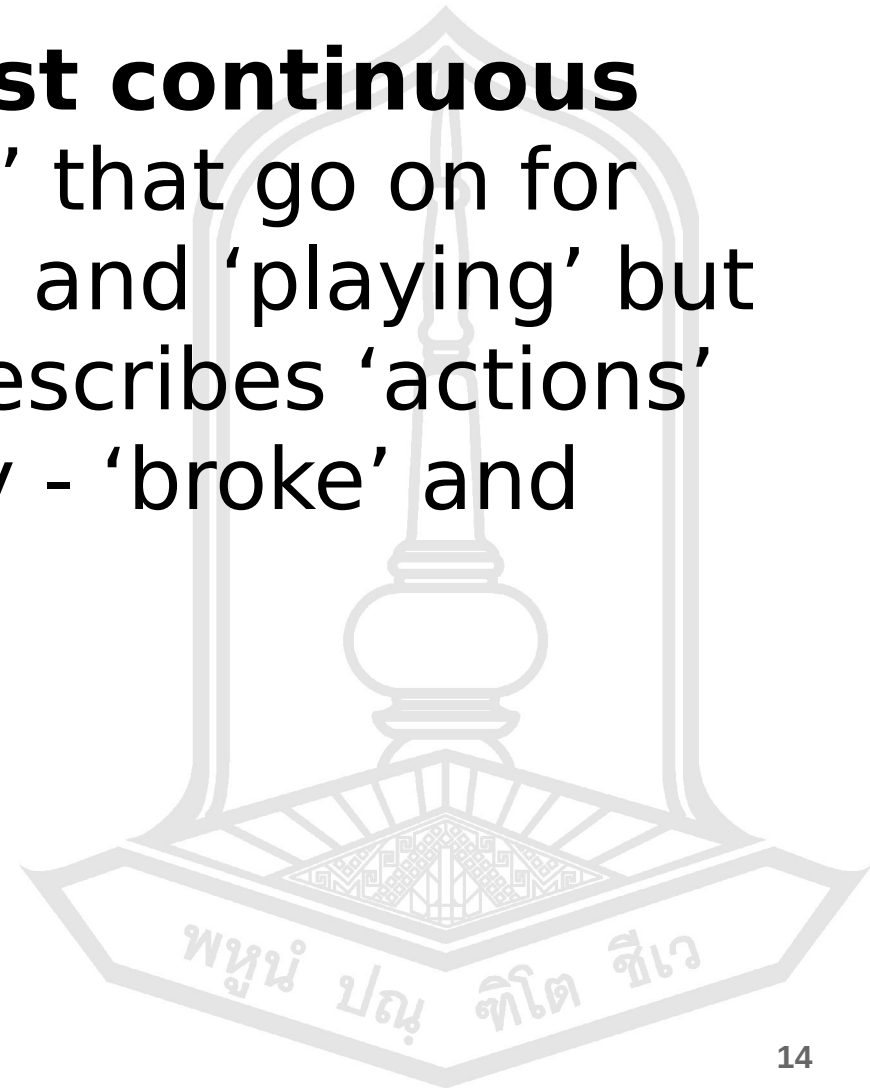
Past Simple and Continuous

- Often, the ‘action’ described by the **past simple** tense *interrupts* the ‘situation’ described by the **past continuous** tense.
 - I **broke** my leg when I **was skiing**.
 - I **was playing** a computer game when the doorbell **rang**.



Past Simple and Continuous

- **Notice** that the **past continuous** describes 'situation' that go on for some time - 'skiing' and 'playing' but the **past simple** describes 'actions' that happen quickly - 'broke' and 'rang'.



- Open the brackets.

1. When I rang up my friend, he was sleeping.

2. When grandfather was watching TV, he fell asleep.

3. When I was going to the stadium, I met Ann and Kate.

4. When Nick rang me up yesterday, I was helping mother.

5. When the children were walking through the wood, they saw a fox.

6. When I came home, my sister was washing the floor.

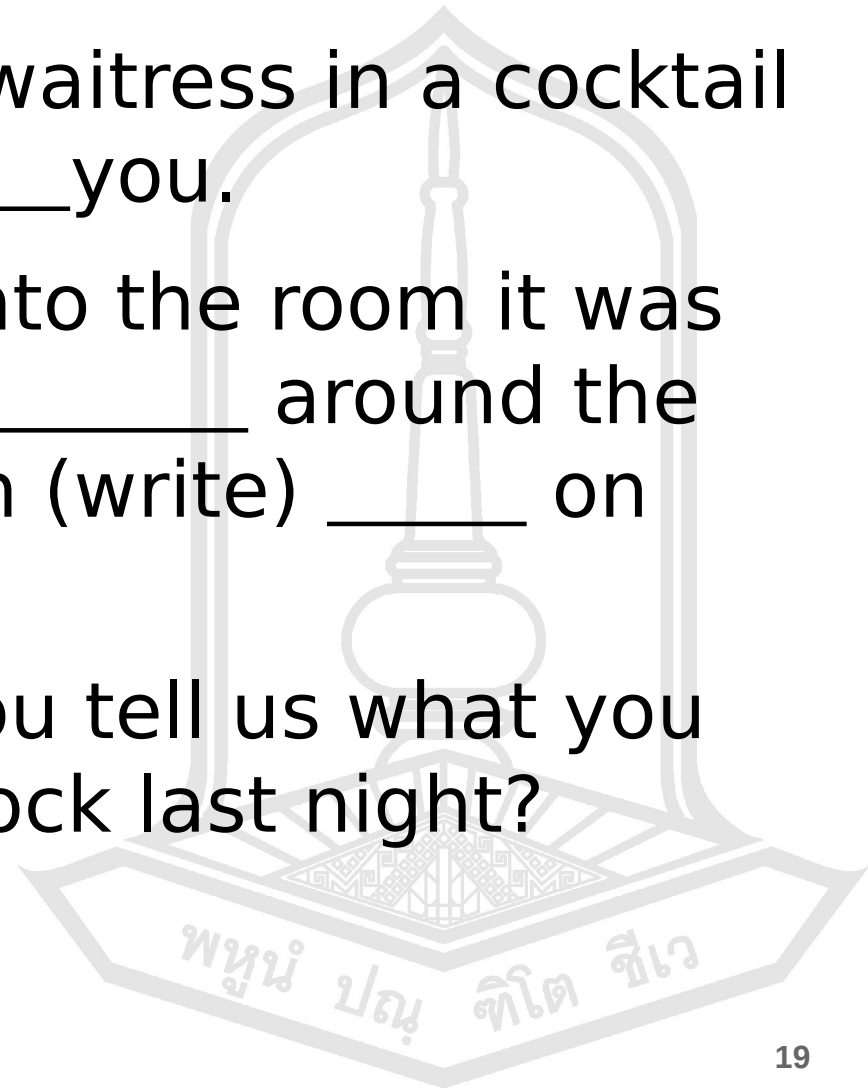
7. When Mike **was playing** in the yard, he **found** a ball.
8. When I **was drawing** yesterday, I **broke** two pencils.
9. When I **met** Tom, he **was going** to the shop.
10. When I **looked** out of the window, the children **were playing** hide-and-seek.
11. I **went** to the theatre yesterday.
12. At 7 o'clock yesterday I **was going** to the theatre.
13. What **were you doing** at 5 o'clock yesterday? – I **was playing** the piano.
14. We **were playing** in the yard the whole evening yesterday.

15. When I was preparing breakfast in the morning, I cut my finger.
16. Last year I went to the USA.
17. Did you go to Great Britain last year? – No, I went to France.
18. What did you do yesterday? – I translated a long article.
19. When I came to school, the children were standing near the classroom.
20. At this time yesterday I was sitting at the theatre.
21. He was playing computer games from 2 till 5 yesterday.

Last night I was alone at home. I was lying on my bed and was watching TV when I heard a strange noise. The noise came from the kitchen. I went downstairs, picked up a heavy vase from the table and headed for the kitchen. I opened the door very slowly. Then I saw someone. He was looking for something in the fridge. I was so frightened that I dropped the vase I was carrying and it crashed onto the floor. The man turned towards the door and I saw his face. It was my husband.

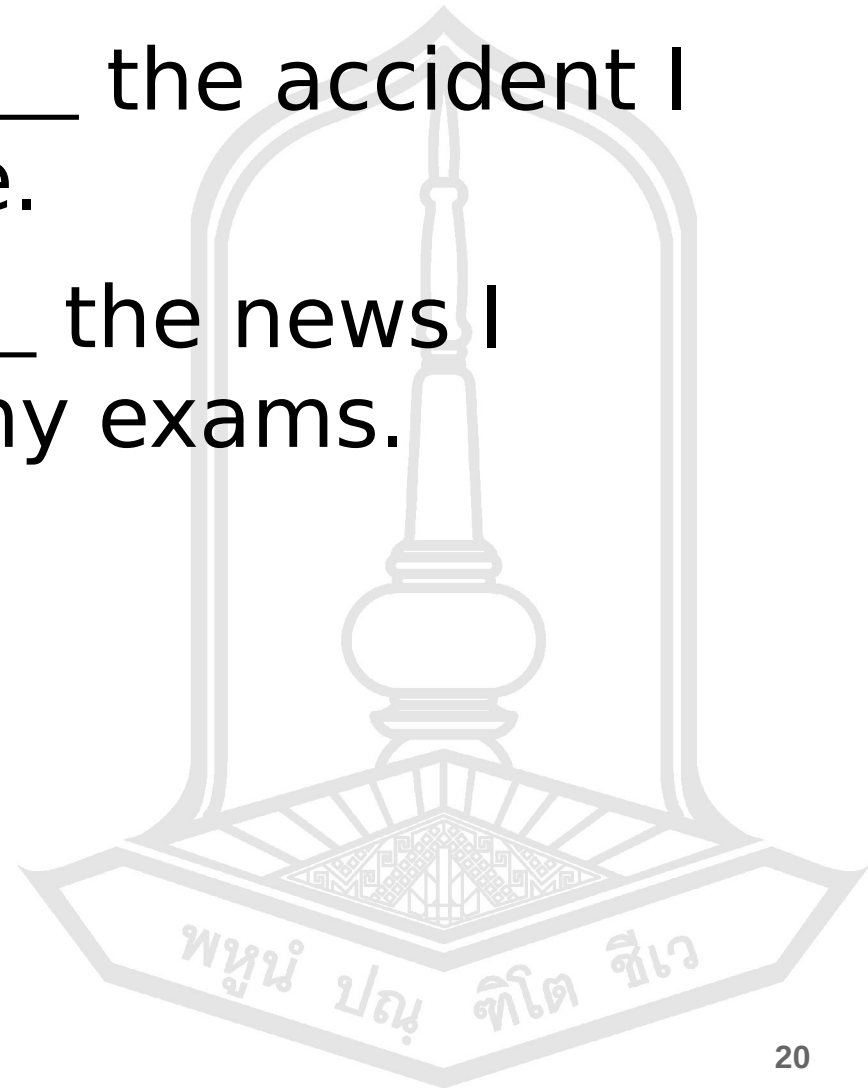
Exercise – past continuous and simple

- You (work) _____ as a waitress in a cocktail bar, when I (meet) _____ you.
- When I (walk) _____ into the room it was chaos! The dog (run) _____ around the room and the children (write) _____ on the walls.
- Excuse me sir. Can you tell us what you (do) _____ at 11 o'clock last night?



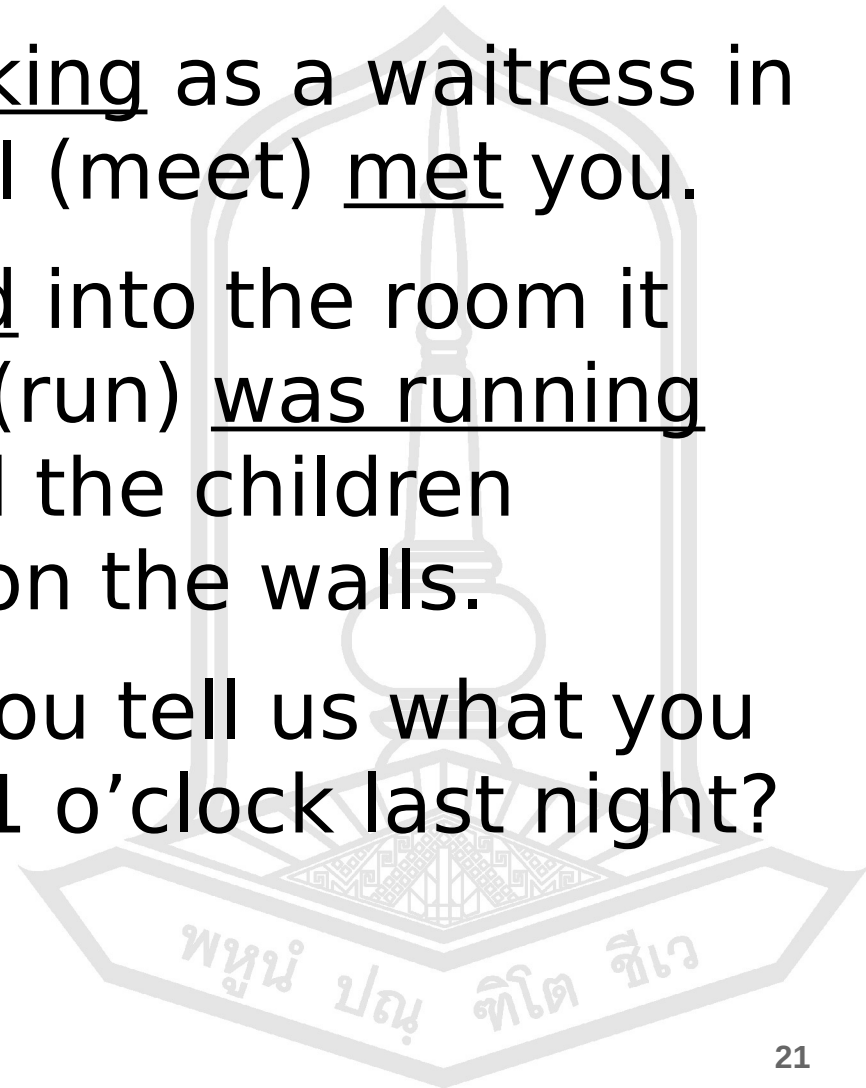
Exercise – past continuous and simple

- As soon as I (see) ____ the accident I (call) ____ the police.
- The day I (hear) ____ the news I (study) _____ for my exams.



Answer – past continuous and simple

- You (work) were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar, when I (meet) met you.
- When I (walk) walked into the room it was chaos! The dog (run) was running around the room and the children (write) were writing on the walls.
- Excuse me sir. Can you tell us what you (do) were doing at 11 o'clock last night?



Answer – past continuous and simple

- As soon as I (see) saw the accident I (call) called the police.
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