

SMART *JUNIORS* 1

The Housing Evolution

Lesson 11

Grammar Station I



GRAMMAR LEAD-IN



1. What **were** the houses like in the past?
2. How **were** people living in the past?

Past Simple

We use the past simple for completed actions, events, and situations in the past.

- I **visited** my hometown last year.
- I **cleaned** my room yesterday.
- I **saw** the pyramids and then I **went** to the Cairo Museum.

Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms

I/You/We/They	lived	in the apartment last year.	
	didn't live		
He/She/It	went	to the apartment last year.	
	didn't go		
Did	I/you/we/they	live	in the apartment last year?
	he/she/it	go	to the apartment last year?

Have a try!

1. I _____ (make) my breakfast yesterday.
2. Lea _____ (not; wash) the dishes last night.
3. They _____ (study) in their bedroom last Thursday.

What did you do last weekend?



Past Continuous

We use the past continuous:

- **for a particular moment in the past:**
I **was cooking** dinner at 6:00 in the evening.
- **for an action happening when another action happened:**
She **was cleaning** his room when he arrived.
- **for two or more actions happening at the same time:**
While she **was dancing**, he **was singing**.

Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms

I/He/She/It	was wasn't	living in the hotel all year.
You/We/They	were weren't	
Was	I/he/she/it	living in the hotel all year?
Were	you/we/they	



Have a try!

1. Sam _____ (write) a letter to his classmate.
2. You _____ (not; take) a shower when I arrived.
3. We _____ (decorate) the room while she _____ (clean) the kitchen.

What were you doing last night
from 8:00 to 10:00?



GRAMMAR FOCUS

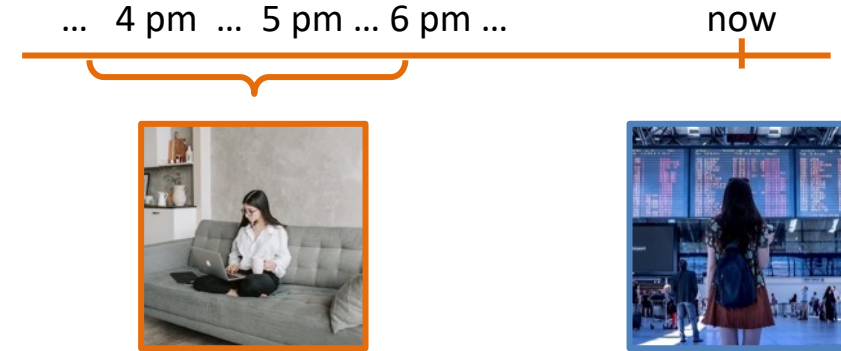
Past Simple



I **stayed** in the apartment yesterday.

= I stayed in the apartment yesterday but not now.

Past Continuous



I **was staying** in the apartment at 4 pm.

= I started staying in the apartment before 4 pm and continued to stay afterward.

Have a try!

Identify whether the sentence is in the **past simple** tense or **past continuous** tense.

1. They were playing basketball after school.
2. He really liked sports when he was a child.

3. I lived in L.A. in 2018.
4. Yesterday at 10 pm, I was sleeping.

PRACTICE TIME

- Describe the pictures using the given tense.



Past Simple



Past Continuous

- Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past continuous.

- The students _____ (wait) for the bus when it _____ (start) to rain.
- I _____ (sleep) when you _____ (arrive) home at 7pm.
- Leo _____ (break) his leg when he _____ (run) in the field.
- You _____ (study) for the exam while Sam _____ (play) video games.

TAKE A NOTE

When vs While

We use “when” and “while” to introduce an action happening at the same time as another.



We were baking when the phone rang.



“when” + short action (past simple)

The phone rang while we were baking.



“while” + longer action (past continuous)



Have a try!

Use while or when to complete the sentence.

1. I was studying _____ he was doing homework in his room.
2. You were not listening _____ I told you to sleep.
3. My daughter came into the room _____ I was taking a shower.
4. I cut my finger _____ cutting the onions.



PRACTICE TIME

- Get from **START** to **FINISH** by making a “while/when” sentence using the verbs in the blocks. Use the past simple and past continuous tense.

lose walk	cry fall off	meet shop	arrive play	sleep ring	swim see
see wash		finish cook	😊 3 steps forward		😓 1 step backward
		come watch	jump read		watch go out
		😓 2 steps backward	find clean	steal run	WINNER 



- **Fill in the blank with the correct word.**

Teepee Houses

Teepee houses were once common among indigenous tribes across North America. The teepee _____ a versatile structure that could be quickly assembled and disassembled. Indigenous people _____ while they _____ in teepee houses. Families _____ stories when they _____ around a central fire pit. Teepee houses _____ a significant role in spiritual and ceremonial practices in the past. Today, the teepee remains an important symbol of indigenous identity and is used for cultural and educational purposes.



hunt play be
gather live share



Past Simple

- 01 **for completed actions, events, and situations in the past:**

I **went** to my uncle's house every week.

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

e.g. He **was cleaning** the room
when he **hurt** his knee.

- while + long action (past continuous)**

e.g. He **hurt** his knee **while** he
was cleaning the table.

Past Continuous

- 01 **for a particular moment in the past:**

I **was listening** to the radio at 5 pm.

- 02 **for an action happening when another action happened:**

He **was running** when he saw me.

- 03 **for two or more actions happening at the same time:**

While he **was studying**, she **was crying**.



WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn about Comparative & Superlative Adjectives.

See you next time!