



# PAST CONTINUOUS



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- It .....
- We .....
- They .....

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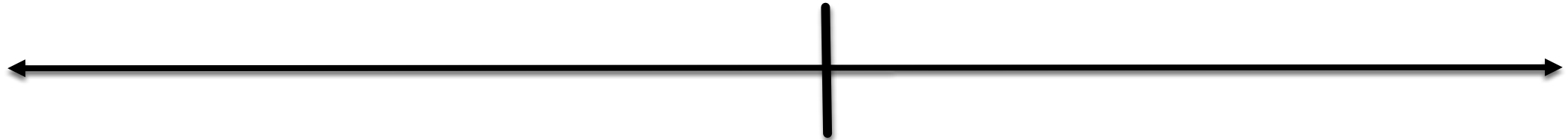
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# WHEN DO WE USE THE PAST CONTINUOUS?

**Past**

**Present**

**Future**

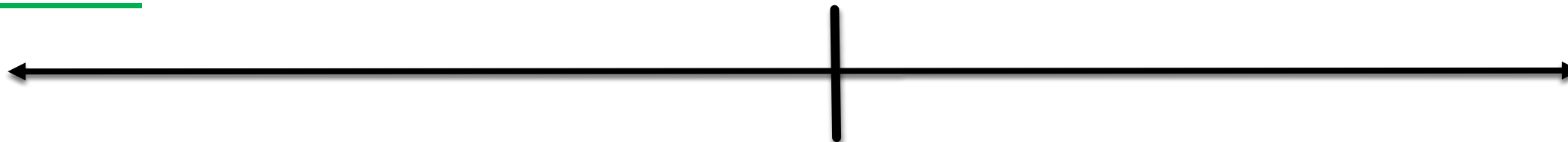


WE USED THE PAST CONTINUOUS IN THE PAST.

Past

Present

Future



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present

My name is John and I'm standing in front of you talking.

past

future

*I was watching TV at 10pm yesterday*

This describes an event of duration in the past. It talks about what we were doing at a particular time in the past.

What were you doing  
at seven o'clock this  
morning?

I was having  
breakfast.

I was getting  
dressed.

I was  
sleeping.

I was  
watching TV.



# YESTERDAY

- I **was listening** to music.
- My mother **was making** dinner.
- My father **was reading** a book.
- My brothers **were watching** a movie.



# FORM

- I **was speaking** on the phone.
- We **were swimming** in the river.
- I/ he/ she/ it + ..... + ..... + ing
- You/ we/ they + ..... + ..... + ing

# FORM

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- I/ he/ she/ it + **was** + **verb** + ing
- You/ we/ they + **were** + **verb** + ing

# FORM

## Affirmative

I was playing

**You** were playing

**He** was playing

**We** were playing

**They** were playing

## Negative

I was not playing

You were not playing

He wasn't playing

We weren't playing

They weren't playing

## Interrogative

Was I playing?

Were you playing?

Was he playing?

Were we playing?

Were they playing?

# COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES

- You ..... **studying** when she called.
- She ..... **playing** basketball last week.
- They ..... **singing** together.

# COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES

- You **were** studying when she called.
- She **was** playing basketball last week.
- They **were** singing together.

# COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES

- 1) Julie .....(sleep) at three o'clock.
- 2) You .....(study) at three o'clock.
- 3) Luke ..... (read) at three o'clock.
- 4) I .....(work) at three o'clock.
- 5) They .....(eat) chocolate at three o'clock.

# COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES

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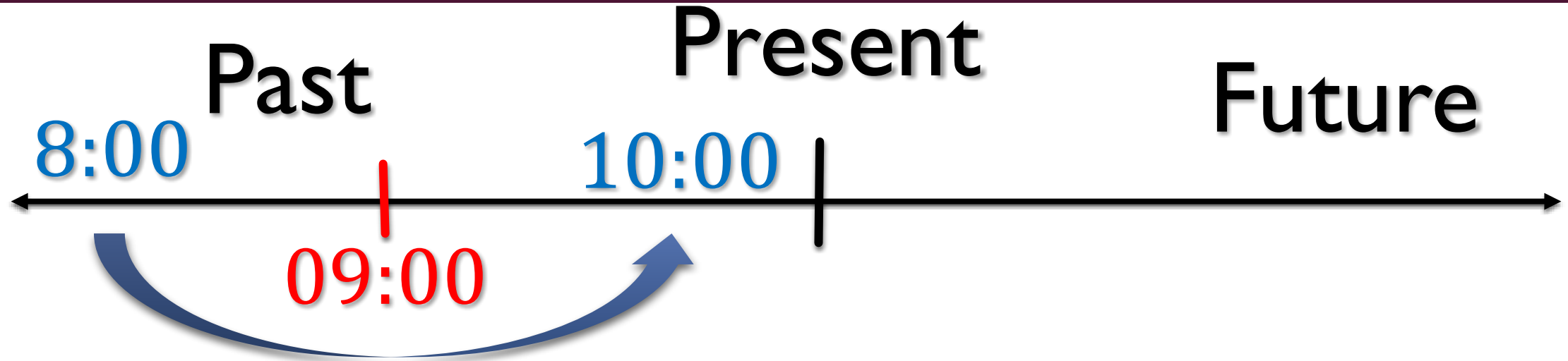


# PAST CONTINUOUS VS SIMPLE PAST





# THE PAST CONTINUOUS



**I was watching TV** when my sister knocked on the door.



**Long action:** From 8 to 10

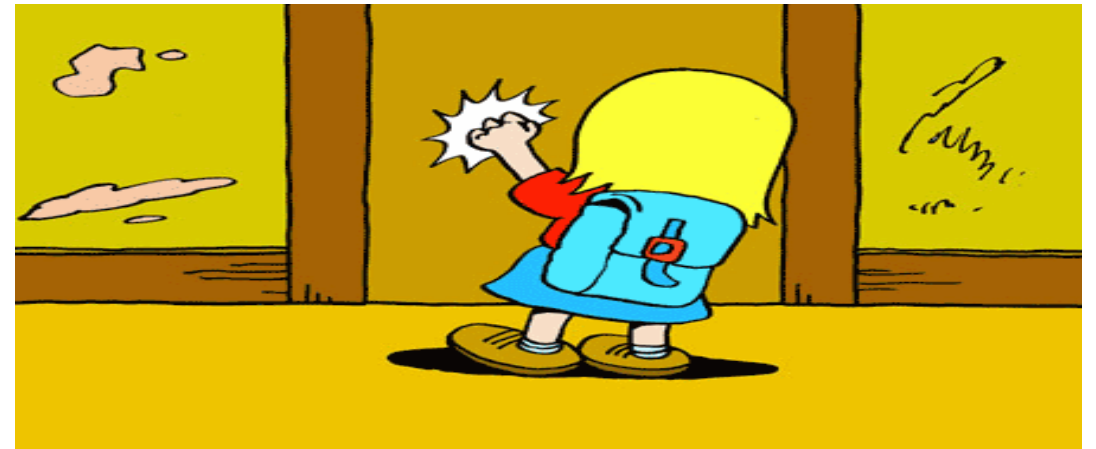


**Short action:** at 9:00

# THE PAST CONTINUOUS



Long action: From 8 to 10



Short action: at 9:00

# PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM



While I .....(sleep), the phone ..... ((ring))

# PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM



While I **was sleeping**, the phone **rang**.

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CORRECT FORM



The thief.....(steal) her clothes, when  
she .....(swim).

PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE  
CORRECT FORM



The thief **stole** her clothes, when she **was**  
**swimming**.

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Ahmed ..... (**break**) his leg, when he  
..... (**play**) basketball.



# PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM



Ahmed **broke** his leg, when he **was playing** basketball.



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1. What (do) ..... when I (call)..... you last night?
2. I (sit) ..... in a cafe when you (call) .....
3. Susie (watch) ..... a film when she (hear) .....the noise.
4. We (play) ..... tennis when John (hurt) .....his ankle.
5. What (they/do)..... at 10pm last night - it was really noisy?
6. He (take) ..... a shower when the telephone (ring)

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WRITE A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT WHAT YOUR FAMILY  
AND YOU WERE DOING YESTERDAY.

Yesterday, I was watching TV .....



## PRONUNCIATION | /i:/ and /ɪ/



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- 5** Listen to the two words. Which has an /i:/ sound and which has an /ɪ/ sound?

sink      ceiling

- 6** In pairs, match the words to the sounds in Exercise 5.

eat	feet	fit	he'll
he's	hill	his	it
leave	live	seat	sit



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- Listen and check. Then repeat.

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**1** Look at the example sentences from the text. Find and underline all the verbs in the sentences. Which verbs are past simple and which verbs are past continuous?

- a** Gary was building everything for their new home, while Paula was working.
- b** They were looking at homes on the internet one day, when Tim, Gary's dad, had an idea.
- c** Finally, Gary finished the work on the lorry and they moved in.

**4** Complete the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 While my brother was painting his bedroom, my sister **was helping** (help) our mum in the garden.
- 2 We **lived** (live) in an apartment for a year and then we moved to a house.
- 3 My dad **was cooking** (cook) dinner in the kitchen when I arrived home from school.
- 4 I did my homework and we **ate** (eat) dinner in the kitchen.
- 5 When Mum phoned me, I **was leaving / left** (leave) my classroom with my friends.
- 6 While my parents **were watching** (watch) TV, I was playing computer games with my friends.

*1 I felt very nervous while we watched the match.*

*2 We waited at a bus stop when we first met.*

*3 We were amazed when we were finding so much money.*

*4 While I cleaning the kitchen, I saw the broken window.*

*5 It is snowing when we went outside.*

*6 I was leaving the house just after you called me.*