***Past Continuous***

**A. FORM**:

Σχηματίζουμε τον Past Continuous με τον **simple past** του ρήματος **be**, δηλαδή **was / were** και την κατάληξη **–ing** στο κύριο ρήμα.

E.g. **was / were** play**ing**

**B. SPELLING RULES:**

Ισχύουν οι ίδιοι κανόνες ορθογραφίας με τον Present Continuous.

sit → sitting

run → running

dance → dancing

lie → lying

**C. USE:**

Χρησιμοποιούμε Past Continuous:

1. για μια πράξη που συνέβαινε στο παρελθόν και είχε διάρκεια. (Στα ελληνικά χρησιμοποιούμε Παρατατικό) Αντίθετα, χρησιμοποιούμε Past Simple για μια πράξη που συνέβη σε συγκεκριμένο χρόνο.

At 9 o’clock yesterday Natalie **was watching** TV.

I **danced** a lot at the party yesterday evening.

1. για μια πράξη που, ενώ βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν, συνέβη κάτι άλλο. Χρησιμοποιούμε **while / as** (ενώ) και **when** (όταν).

**While** I was studying, I fell asleep.

Kelly was cooking **when** the phone rang.

**As** they were climbing the mountain, one of them had an accident.

1. για δύο πράξεις που συνέβαιναν ταυτόχρονα στο παρελθόν, συνήθως με το **while**.

The boys were playing football **while** the girls were playing basketball.

EXERCISE:

A. Put the verbs in the Past Continuous.

1. Julia ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (run) down the road when she saw the accident.

2. While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on my bed, the phone rang.

3. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dance) when I arrived at the party.

4. At 4 o’clock yesterday afternoon, all my friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball.

5. Which hotel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / stay) at when you phoned me?

6. Henry didn’t go out last weekend. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work).

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / have) a shower when I called you yesterday?

8. While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shop) in the market, somebody stole my wallet.

9. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the police knocked on the door.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mum / drive) home when the rain started?

B. Write **when** or **while** in the sentences.

1. The helicopter flew over us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we were swimming in the river.

2. The boys were walking through the park \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they saw a snake.

3. Maria was having breakfast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her mobile phone started to ring.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I was doing my homework, my sister came in the room.

5. My little brother’s tooth came out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he was eating a biscuit.

6. Dad was cleaning his car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he found €20 under the seat.

7. Colleen saw her teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she was buying a magazine.

8. Harry was walking home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he met Samantha.

C. Choose the correct answer.

1. He *was listening / listened* to music when the CD player *was breaking / broke*.

2. I *was sitting / sat* in the garden when the rain *was starting / started*.

3. What *were you doing / did you do* when the storm *was beginning / began*?

4. The boys *played / were playing* football when Gregory *had / was having* an accident.

5. Dad *cooked / was cooking* in the kitchen when Mum *was getting / got* home.

6. When my favourite programme *started / was starting* on TV, I *washed / was washing* the dishes.

7. When the alarm clock *was waking / woke* me up, I *was dreaming / dreamt*.

8. The girls *were eating / ate* spaghetti when Billy *was taking / took* their photograph.

D. Complete with the Simple Past or Past Continuous.

1. What ………………………… (you / do) in the library when the bell ………………………… (ring)?

2. While he ………………………… (drive) along the road, a dog ………………………… (run) in front of his car.

3. They ………………………… (ski) in Austria when their instructor ………………………… (break) his leg.

4. While the clothes ……………………… (dry) on the line, the wind ………………………… (blow).

5. I ………………………… (study) in my bedroom when Mum ………………………… (call) me.

6. ………………………… (you / have) a bath when I ………………………… (phone)?

7. While I ………………………… (work) on the computer, Dan ………………………… (write) a composition.

8. When I ………………………… (go) to town it ………………………… (rain).

E. Find the mistakes and write the sentences correctly.

1. What were you doing while I saw you in the park yesterday?

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2. While I was picking flowers, I suddenly was hearing a loud noise.

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3. Sally was practising the violin while I studied history.

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4. They were sitting on the beach when a huge wave was coming and covered them in water.

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5. I sent an email to my best friends when the computer broke down.

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6. The wind was blowing hard when the trees were falling down.

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7. Who did you play chess with when I phoned you?

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F. Complete the text with the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

One day, while I ………………………… (walk) along the road I ………………………… (see) an old lady. She ………………………… (wear) a bright purple coat and a large black hat and she ………………………… (carry) a parrot in a cage. She ………………………… (look) very unusual and I ………………………… (not want) to talk to her, but she ………………………… (smile) at me and asked me the time. I ………………………… (tell) her the time and she said she ………………………… (be) late for an important meeting. Then she ………………………… (ask) me the quickest way to get to Buckingham Palace! While I was thinking what a strange person she was, she ………………………… (disappear). I ………………………… (be) sure it was a dream, but then I ………………………… (see) a red parrot feather on the ground by my foot!