

Grammar Past Continuous vs Past Simple

We use Past Continuous and Past Simple together when:

نستخدم الماضي المستمر والماضي البسيط مع بعض عندما:

Past Continuous → shows a long action that was happening in the past. يدل على فعل طويل كان يحدث في الماضي

Past Simple → shows a short action that cuts the long action.

يدل على فعل قصير قاطع الفعل الطويل.

Structure:

Past Continuous: subject + was / were + verb +ing

Past Simple: verb in the past form (v2)

I was watching TV when the phone rang.

كنت أشاهد التلفاز عندما رن الهاتف.

(watching = long action, rang = short action that cuts)

(المشاهدة = فعل طويل، الرن = فعل قصير قاطع)

They were playing football when it **started to rain.**

هم كانوا يلعبون كرة القدم عندما بدأ المطر

(Playing = long action, started to rain = short action that cuts)

(اللعبة = فعل طويل، بدأت تمطر = فعل قصير قاطع)

***When** هي كلمة الدليل لهذه القاعدة

_____ v ing _____ + when + _____ v2 _____

الماضي المستمر قبل when والفعل الماضي بعدها

Worksheet

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb:

- 1- I _____ (watch) TV when the phone _____ (ring).
- 2- She _____ (not read) a book when her friend _____ (call).
- 3- _____ they _____ (play) football when it _____ (start) to rain?
- 4- When I _____ (cook), my brother _____ (clean) the room.
- 5- He _____ (not sleep) when the alarm _____ (go off).
- 6- _____ you _____ (study) when your friend _____ (arrive)?
- 7- They _____ (play) outside when it suddenly _____ (rain).
- 8- She _____ (not listen) to music when her sister _____
(enter) the room.
- 9- What _____ you _____ (do) when the teacher
_____ (come) into the class?

Good luck 😊