

# *SMART* *JUNIORS* 1

## The Housing Evolution

**Lesson 11**  
**Grammar Station I**





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 Cairo Museum.

### Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms

I/You/We/They	lived didn't live	in the apartment last year.
He/She/It	went didn't go	to the apartment last year.
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	

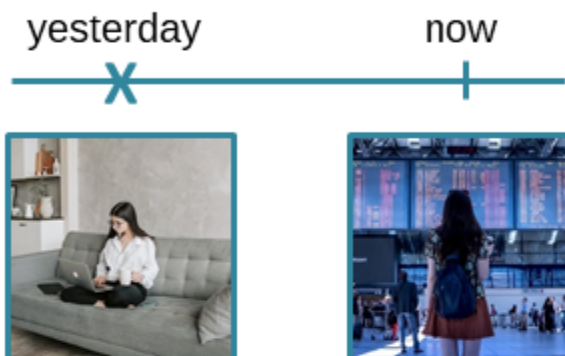
### Have a try!

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?



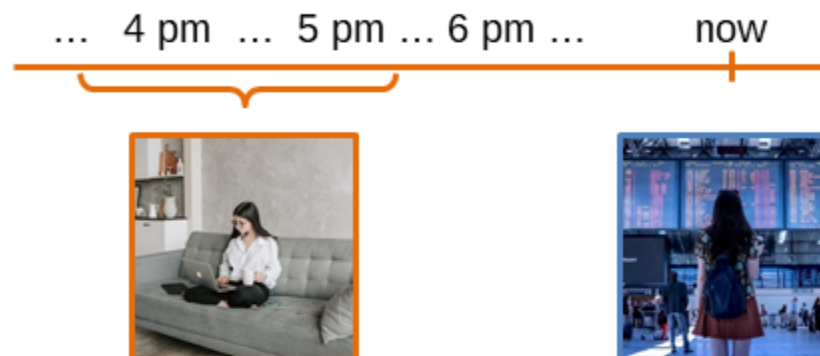
## Past Simple



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.

- Describe the pictures using the given tense.



## Past Simple

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## Past Continuous

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- 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 exercise	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!