**PAST PROGRESSIVE (CONTINUOUS)**

is used to express

**1. actions in progress in the past:**

Richard was working on his essay last night.

I was playing tennis all this afternoon.

**2. a past action that was in progress while another past action took place:**

We were having our breakfast when the clock struck nine.

We had our breakfast when the clock was striking nine.

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**What is regarded as being in progress or being in any way marked depends on the attitude of the speaker.**

**3. parallel actions:**

**While** I was working in the garden, my husband was cooking dinner.

**4. repeated actions:**

When he worked here, Roger was always making mistakes.

**5. a past action that was in progress between two time limits in the past:**

Yesterday from five to seven I was learning French.

**Past tenses in typical contexts**

The Simple Past combines with other past tenses, such as the Past Progressive and the Past

Perfect, when we are talking or writing about the past. The Past Progressive is used for scenesetting. Past tenses of various kinds are common in story-telling, biography, autobiography, reports, eye-witness accounts, etc.:

It was evening. The sun was setting. A gentle wind was blowing through the trees. Inthe distance I noticed a Land Rover moving across the dusty plain. It stopped and two men jumped out of it.

**The main difference between Past Simple and Continuous**

Past simple generally refers to completed actions, habits and states, whereas Past continous generally refers to:

**Actions in progress** (often interrupted by events), **changing states** and repeated actions - **criticism**

With a frequency adverb, this use is similar to the use of present continuous to express **annoyance.**

When Jane was at school, **she was always losing things. (and I do not like it!)**

**Test zaměřený na procvičení obou časů:**

**Doplň správný tvar slovesa – Past Simple or Continuous**

What …..Diane and Ann………..at 7:30 p.m.? (do)

They…………….TV.(watch)

…………Maria/meet her friends on Tuesday?

No, she………..meet them on Thursday.

Liz…………(not write)one email, she…………..(write)six emails. + otázka How many……?

Vyber správný tvar slovesa: What did Joe wear/was wearing when you saw/were seeing him?

When I ……..(get up) this morning it ………….(not rain)

Dosaď správné slovo v minulém čase a větu přelož do češtiny:Last zdar I….a flat in the centre of Warsaw. It wasn´t very expensive.

Přelož: Herry se zamiloval do Sally. Mark a Ellen se zasnoubili minulý týden.

Když jsem šel do školy, potkal jsem mé přátele. V pondělí jsem šel do školy, tam jsem se učil a pak jsem hrál fotbal. Poté, co se neudělal zkoušku, zabil se.

Vytvoř minulý čas od sloves: move, die, think, stop, marry, grow

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