

Today's topic:
PAST
CONTINUOUS



Past Continuous Tense





Past Continuous

- **Was/ were** + V + Ing
- I **was** dancing
- You **were** shouting
- He, she, it **was** stopping
- We **were** studying
- You **were** staying
- They **were** tying





Past Continuous

Interrogatives

- **Was** I sleeping?
- **Were** you eating?
- **Was** he/she/it jumping?
- **Were** we listening?
- **Were** you writing?
- **Were** they carrying?

Negatives

- I was **not** sleeping
- You were **not** eating
- He was **not** jumping
- We were **not** listening
- You were **not** writing
- They were **not** carrying





Usage of Past Continuous

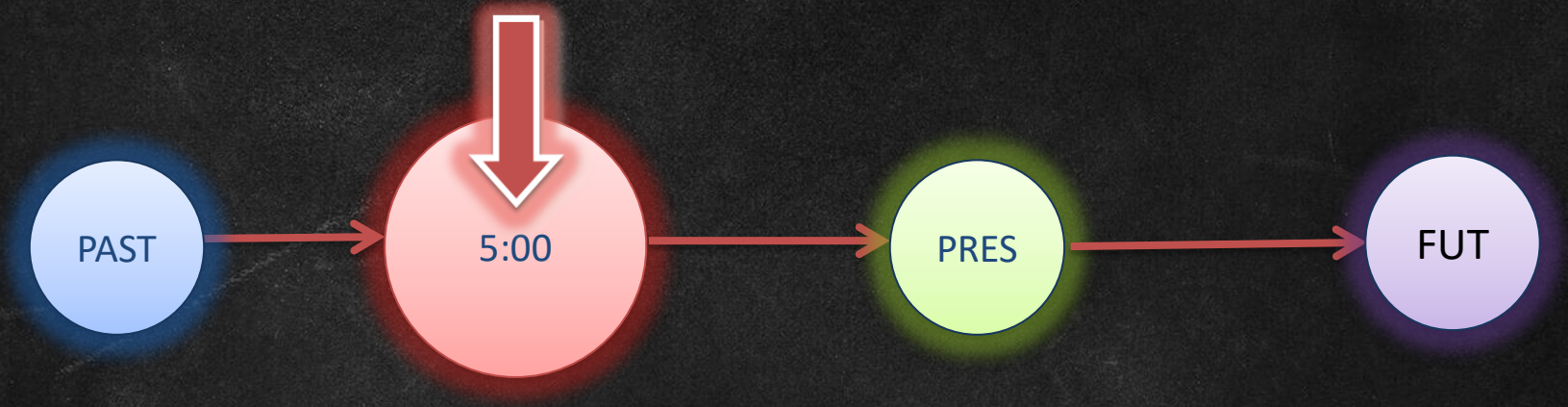
- Action going on at a certain/definite time in the past
- Example: I *was having* breakfast, when the phone suddenly *rang*.
- Two actions happening at the same time
Example: While she *was preparing* dinner, he *was washing* the dishes.
- Signal Words of Past Progressive
- while, as long as





Concept 1

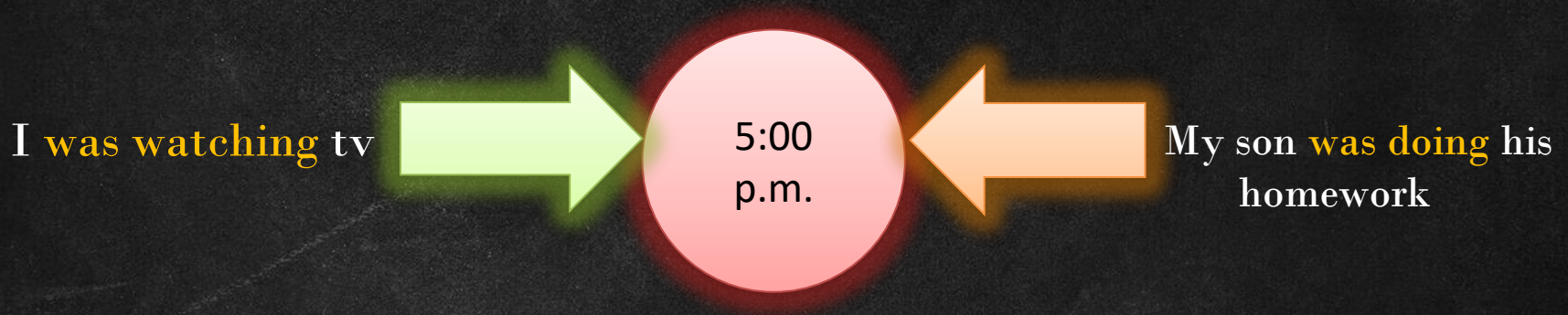
- Action going on at a certain/definite time in the past
- I **was doing** my homework at **5.00 p.m** yesterday





Concept 2

- Two actions happening at the same time
- I **was watching** tv, **while** my son **was doing** his homework at 5:00p.m.





Concept 3

- I **was texting** my sister Sarah, when my dad **called** me.

Hence,
Sarah gave
up texting

I was texting my sister Sarah,

WHEN
*my dad
called me.*



Exercises

- Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).
1. The receptionist (welcome)..... the guests and (ask)..... them to fill in the form.
 2. The car (break)..... down and we (have)..... to walk home.
 3. The boys (swim)..... while the girls (sunbathe)..... .
 4. My father (come)..... in, (look)..... around and (tell)..... me to tidy up my room.
 5. As long as one group (prepare)..... dinner, the others (collect)..... wood for their campfire.
 6. While the parents (have)..... breakfast, their children (run)..... about.
 7. Martha (turn)..... off the lights and (go)..... to bed.



Exercises

- I (jog)..... in the park, when two squirrels (cross)..... my way.
- Robert (fall)..... off the ladder when he..... (pick) cherries.
- Archimedes (discover)..... the theory of buoyancy while he..... (take) a bath.
- When we (travel)..... around Ireland, we (meet)..... some very nice people.
- While she (speak)..... on the phone, the milk (boil).... over.
- When I (leave)... the house this morning, the sun (shine).... .
- Caroline (burn)... her hand when she (iron).... her clothes.



I hope you've
found this recap
useful! See U!

