

Grammar: While + Past continuous, simple past

Usage: we often use the simple past and past continuous together to say that something happened in the middle of something else.

☀ **Form of past continuous:** **While + Past continuous, simple past**

E.g: While we were having dinner, Lila phoned.

While (past continuous) , (simple past)

Past continuous

He, She , It, I, singular (Ali, Mona, boy, book...) → was + (v.ing)

They, We, You, Plural (children, people, books...) → were + (v.ing)

E.g: The boy was playing.

The children were sleeping.

Simple past

is used to talk about a completed action in a time before now.

E.g: I went to school.

They visited Petra.

Examples:

1) While she was washing the dishes, she heard a cat.

2) While we were playing chess, you telephoned.

3) While Mona was listening to music, Khaled opened her bag