

New Elementary 2
Unit 6 Lesson B Grammar
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The Use of the Past Progressive Tense

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Formula:

Subject + was(n't)/were(n't) + Verb+ing + ...

➤ **An Action Cutting Another Action in the Past:**

قطع عملی توسط عملی دیگر در گذشته

I was watching TV when the phone rang.

داشتم تلویزیون نگاه می کردم که تلفن زنگ خورد.

While I was watching TV, the phone rang.

وقتی که داشتم تلویزیون نگاه می کردم، تلفن زنگ خورد.

when = وقتی که

while = در حالی که

Action 1 = watching TV

Action 2 = the ringing of the phone

Point:

We use the past progressive tense for action 1 in the past.

We use the simple past tense for action 2 in the past.

➤ **Parallel Actions in the Past = عمل‌های موازی در گذشته**

Parallel actions = two actions happening at the same time

Yesterday morning, Tom was cleaning the house and his wife was cooking lunch.

دیروز صبح، تام داشت خانه را تمیز می کرد و زنش داشت ناهار می پخت.

Tom was cleaning the house while his wife was cooking lunch.

تام داشت خانه را تمیز می کرد در حالی که زنش داشت ناهار می پخت.

while = در حالی که

Action 1 = cleaning the house

Action 2 = cooking lunch

Point:

For both action 1 and action 2, we use the past progressive tense.