

## FUMC ESL 3-28-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

**Introduce yourself.** Tell where you are from and where you live now.

GRAMMAR: Verb Tenses

Last Thursday we studied past tense verbs. Today we will study past continuous verbs. Past continuous tense uses was/were + ING verb. EX: was happening, were doing, was cleaning, were sleeping.

Past continuous tense is used to show:

a) what was happening in the past when there was an interruption. These sentences frequently, but not always, include the word **WHEN**. Read these examples.

1. We **were watching** TV when the doorbell rang.
2. The babies **were sleeping** when we left.
3. We **were having** a picnic when it started to rain.
4. I **was studying** when she called.
5. He **was writing** an email when the power went off.
6. Dad waved at Marcie, but she **wasn't looking** at him.
7. At 10 PM they **were still playing** tennis.
8. Jim **was already working** here when his wife started.
9. At this time yesterday, I **was boarding** the plane.
10. Jen **was waiting** for me so I didn't have time to get something to eat.

**Answer these questions for the sentences above.**

1. What were they doing when the doorbell rang?
2. What were the babies doing when they left?
3. What were they doing when it started to rain?
4. What was he doing when she called?
5. What was he doing when the power went off?
6. Why didn't Marcie see Dad wave?
7. What were they doing at 10 PM?
8. Who started working first, Jim or his wife?
9. What was happening at this time yesterday?
10. Why didn't she have time to get something to eat?

OR

b) two things were happening at the same time in the past. These sentences often have **WHILE** or **AND** in them. Read these examples.

1. She **was writing** emails while the children **were playing**.
2. We **were cooking** the food and they **were serving** the guests.
3. I **was working** on my computer while the doctor **was examining** my wife.
4. Sandy **wasn't working**, but I **was working**.
5. Some people **were talking** on their phones and others **were typing** letters.

**Answer these questions for the sentences above.**

1. What was she doing while the children were playing?

2. What were they doing while we were cooking?
3. What was the doctor doing while he was working on his computer?
4. Who wasn't working?
5. What were the people in the office doing?

**Read these conversations.**

Dad: What **were you doing!** You knocked over your mother's glass.

Son: I'm sorry. I **was just playing** around. I **wasn't paying** attention. I'll pick up the mess.

Policeman: What **were you doing** when the accident occurred?

Woman: I **was sitting** in my car at the traffic light. I **was waiting** for the light to turn green. The man didn't see me. He ran into the back of my car.

Policeman: **Was he texting** on his phone while he **was driving**?

Woman: I don't know if he **was texting**. I didn't see what he **was doing**.

Policeman: I bet he **was texting**. So many people text and drive. It is a very dangerous habit. I will ask him if he **was texting**.

Bev: We went to the doctor today. I couldn't understand what the doctor **was saying**. My husband **was trying** to tell the doctor that I don't speak English. But the doctor **wasn't listening** to my husband. On the way home, my husband **was complaining** about the doctor. He said, "You need to find a new doctor, one that will listen.

Sandra: I agree with your husband.

Tina: I called you an hour ago, but you didn't answer. What **were you doing**?

Jeff: I **was running** on the trail. I run on the trail every afternoon.

Tina: But you **weren't answering** your phone calls!

Jeff: I don't answer calls when I run.

Mary: I'm sorry I missed your call.

June: No problem. I **was calling** to see if you and Bill could come to dinner next Friday.

Mary: We **were planning** to clean the house on Friday, but we will come to your house for dinner instead. We can clean the house on Saturday.

June: I'm so glad you can come. Bill and I **were hoping** you could come.

**Put either past tense or past continuous tense in the blanks. Teachers, please explain the difference in meaning if there is one. Some of these blanks can be filled with either verb tense without changing the meaning.**

a) The Titanic (cross) \_\_\_\_\_ the Atlantic when it (strike) \_\_\_\_\_ an iceberg.

b) My old roommate (always leave) \_\_\_\_\_ dirty dishes in the sink. She (never clean) \_\_\_\_\_ up.

c) When you (call) \_\_\_\_\_, I (make) \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch.

d) At 4 PM last Tuesday, I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ in the office.

- e) I (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio when Sara (phone) \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) The teacher (yell) \_\_\_\_\_ at her because she (draw) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures in the book.

**PRONUNCIATION: Silent Letters**

These words all have a silent letter. Pronounce the word and tell which letter is silent.

castle	Wednesday	often	doubt	sandwich	sign
fasten	island	moisten	build	write	two
soften	half	muscle	know	foreign	ghost
receipt	scent	knee	champagne	wrist	hour

**Find a word in the table above that fits in these blanks.**

1. If you don't believe someone is telling the truth, you \_\_\_\_\_ them.
2. If you exercise several times a week, you exercise \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a smell.
4. If you have fifty cents, you have a \_\_\_\_\_ dollar.
5. When you buy something, you get a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Land surrounded by water is an \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The spirit of a dead person is a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The joint in the middle of your leg is your \_\_\_\_\_,
9. The two joints on your arm are the elbow and the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. If you are not native, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Sixty minutes is an \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A type of alcohol with lots of bubbles is \_\_\_\_\_.
13. If you wet something, you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
14. A king and queen might live in a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. If you put meat between two slices of bread, you make a \_\_\_\_\_.

**HOLDING THE BAG, CHAPTER 11--A Sleepless Night**

Negasi doesn't sleep well at all. He lies in his bed, but he is awake. He thinks about what happened. He remembers how frightened he was. He also thinks about the money. He could really use \$5,000. And that money is just sitting on the table. It would be so easy to take that money.

Negasi gets up early and puts the money back into the black bag. He hides the bag inside the closet. Soon the children get up. "Are you sick today, Dad?" asks his son. "Why aren't you driving your taxi?"

"I'm not sick," says Negasi. "I just have something to do this morning."

Now Ana is helping the children get ready for school. She says, "Negasi, I need money to pick up Desta's new glasses. And I'm going shopping for a new coat for Dawit. And we need milk and bread from the supermarket."

"Okay," says Negasi. "I have it." Negasi opens his wallet. He counts his fares and tips from yesterday. But he doesn't have enough money for new glasses, a coat, and groceries. Negasi slowly walks over to the closet and picks up the black bag. He reaches into the bag and counts out \$300. Ana walks into the bedroom. She says, "Do you have the money?"

"Sure," says Negasi, closing his hand around the money. "I have it right here."

### **Questions:**

1. Last night, Negasi said he would turn the money in to the police. But now he is thinking about that money. What is Negasi thinking?
2. Why do the children ask if Negasi is sick?
3. What does Negasi tell them?
4. What does Ana plan to buy today.
5. Who does Ana ask for the money?
6. What does Negasi do when Ana asks him for money?
7. Do you think Negasi will turn in all the money?
8. Do you think Negasi should keep some of the money?
9. Have you ever found money? What did you do with it?