

Speaking Strategy

Narrating a story

Listening and Speaking

- A.** You may use 'simple past' and 'past progressive' together to narrate a story. Past progressive is sometimes used to give background/situation to the story.

Last night at 8 o'clock we were sitting in the hall. We were talking about our day. Suddenly we heard a noise. My father went out to see what was making the noise. When my father was walking in the yard, we went to the kitchen. We saw a kitty in the kitchen. It was eating a cookie. The Poor kitty was hungry.



You may use the following patterns to ask and answer about stories that happened in the past.

What were you doing (yesterday at 8)?

What was happening (yesterday at 8)?



B. Listen to the following conversations and complete the sentences.

Conversation 1



1. Leila was
2. The driver

Pair up and ask your friends about the things they were doing last weekend in the afternoon. You may use the verbs in the box.

talk to someone, read a book, watch TV, play in the yard

Conversation 2



1. Amir
2. Amir was

Pair up and ask your friends about the things they did or didn't do when they were solving a problem. You may use the verbs in the box.

study hard, work long hours, quit working, feel weak, try hard, give up trying

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Conversation 1:

A: Why were you absent last week?

B: Sorry, Miss. I had an accident last Monday.

A: I'm sorry to hear that. What happened?

B: I was walking home in the afternoon. A motorcycle was driving very fast. The driver was talking with a cellphone. He hit me and hurt my head.

A: Oh, God! What happened next?

B: Um, I was in the hospital for two days. When I was resting in the hospital, the man came to visit me. He said he was sorry.

A: Thank God you are OK now.

Conversation 2:

A: Where did you go yesterday?

B: I went shopping with my family.

A: Did you want to buy anything special?

B: Yes. At first, I was looking for some clothes, but when I was walking at the bazaar, I saw a bookstore. I found many interesting books there.

A: What did you buy?

B: I was looking for Parvin Etesami's divan. When I was checking the books, I found it on the last shelf. I bought it and started reading it at once.



A. Listen to the first part of a story.

1. Fill in the blanks based on what you just heard.

Sajjad was taking pictures yesterday at

When he was taking pictures came to help.

2. Listen again and list 'past progressive verbs'.

B. Now listen to the rest of the story.

The firefighters jumped out of their cars. They were working quickly. They were putting out the fire. People were standing near the building. They were watching the fire. It was dangerous. Sajjad put his camera aside and asked people to leave. The firefighters put out the fire when he was talking with people.

3. Underline all 'past progressive verbs'.

C. Work in pairs. Ask and answer. Use appropriate sentence stress and intonation.

What was Sajjad doing in the park?

Did Sajjad put out the fire?

Were the firefighters working slowly?



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Sajjad is a journalist. Yesterday at 5 o'clock, he was taking pictures in a park. He was taking pictures of people and birds. He saw a fire when he was walking in the park. It was an old building. Some people called 125. Sajjad was waiting there for the firefighters. He was taking some pictures of the fire when the firefighters arrived.