

**SESSION : 1**  
**CLASS : III**  
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**CHAPTER NUMBER: 9**  
**CHAPTER NAME :PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE**  
**SUBTOPIC : INTRODUCTION & EXERCISE- 1,2**

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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## **LEARNING OBJECTIVE :**

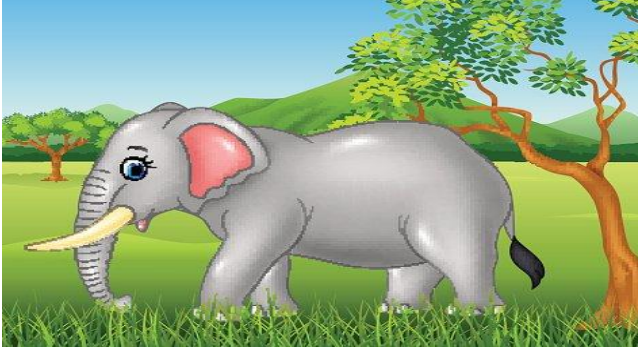
The learners will be able to identify and know the use of past continuous tense.

Look at the picture and say :





## Read these lines :



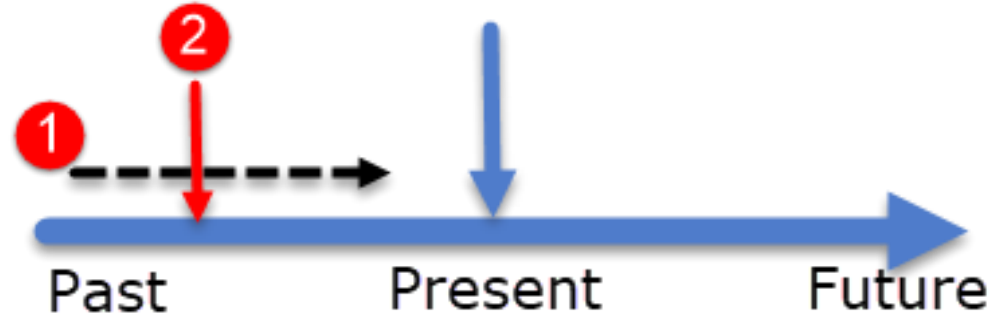
The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing** as the elephant came out of the jungle. The other animals **were relaxing** in the shade of the trees, but the elephant moved very quickly. She **was looking** for her baby, and she didn't notice the hunter who **was watching** her through his binoculars.

The words in **red** are verbs that talk about the actions that began in past and went on for some time. These words are said to be in the **Past Continuous tense**.



The **Past Continuous tense** is used to talk about actions that happen in the past and continued for some time.

## Past Continuous





The structure of Past Continuous tense is:  
**was/ were + verb + -ing**

Examples –

Raj **was traveling** by train.

We **were playing** basketball after school.

**1. Circle the verbs in the Past Continuous tense in the sentences below.**

a) The boy **was waiting** in the hall.

b) We **were reading** all night.

c) Subhash **was washing** his clothes in the morning.

d) I **was sleeping** when the visitors arrived.

e) David and Meera **were doing** their homework in the evening.

f) Javed **was repairing** the car the entire day.



# The Past Continuous tense is used to:

- show an action that continued for some time in the past

## Examples:



Mrs. Sharma **was teaching** in the class.



The children **were playing** in the park with the ball.



Raj's friends **were having** fun in the party.

- describe an action in the past that was happening when another action took place

### Examples:



Rina was washing the dishes **when** the phone rang.



John was reading a book **while** Mary was watching television.



I was doing my homework **when** Mom returned.

In all the examples, we can see that one action was taking place when another action happened.

**2. Read the sentences given below. In each sentence, identify the two actions that were taking place in the past.**

a) They were watching the match when the lights went off.

**Action 1:** They were watching the match. **Action 2:** The lights went off.

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b) The alarm rang when he was trying to enter the building.

**Action 1:** The alarm rang. **Action 2:** He was trying to enter the building.

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c) I was playing till my parents came back home.

**Action 1:** I was playing. **Action 2:** My parents came back home.

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d) Irfan and Mita were writing until the teacher took the answer sheets away.

**Action 1:** Irfan and Mita were writing. **Action 2:** The teacher took the answer sheets away.

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e) We were running up and down the stairs when Tony suddenly fell down.

**Action 1:** We were running up and down the stairs .**Action 2:** Tony suddenly fell down.

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## **LEARNING OUTCOME :**

The learners are able to identify and know the use of past continuous tense.

**THANKING YOU**  
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