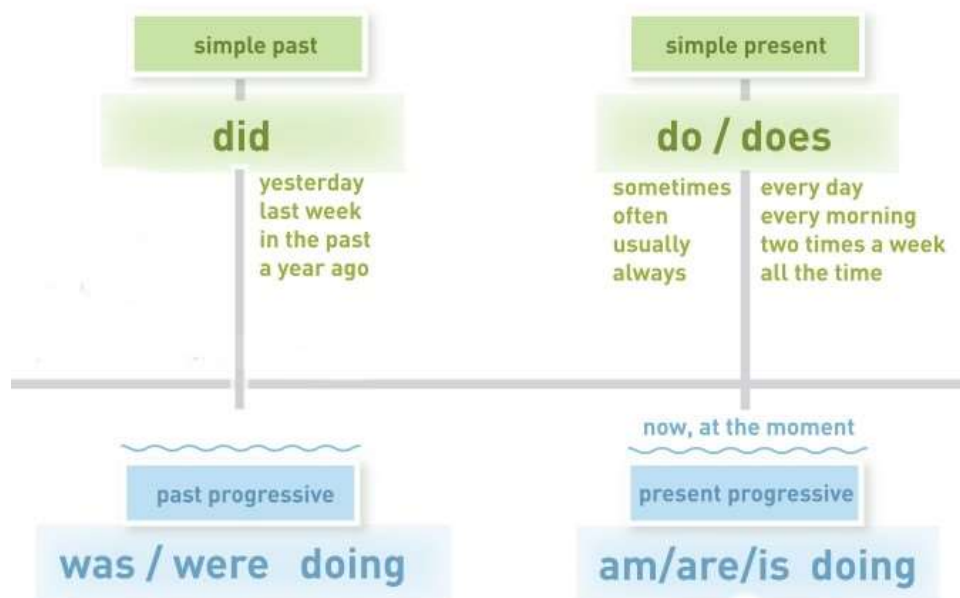


## Communicative Grammar Practice

### Past Progressive



**Task:** Simple Past vs Past Progressive: Work in pairs. Look at the table below. Decide who is Student A and Student B. Look at your column and cover your partner's column (or fold it back). Student A, read questions 1 – 8 in the left-hand column to Student B. Student B, listen carefully and answer each question using the keywords given. Answer in full sentences using the correct simple past or past progressive tense. For questions 9-16 come up with your own answers. An example is given.

Speaking pattern:

Student A: *What were you doing when you heard the bang?*

Student B: *I was brushing my teeth in the bathroom.*

Student A: *What happened next?*

Student B: *I ran outside in my pyjamas to look what happened.*

**Student A****Student B**

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. What was David doing when the earthquake started?            | mop floor                   |
| 2. What happened next?  | slip on the wet floor       |
| 3. What was Emily's sister doing when Emily came downstairs?    | argue with her mother       |
| 4. What did Emily do then?                                      | tell them to stop arguing   |
| 5. What were they doing when the plumber knocked on their door? | have a discussion           |
| 6. What did they do next?                                       | open door / ask plumber in  |
| 7. What was he doing when the earth started shaking again?      | change baby's nappies       |
| 8. What did he do next?   | take baby /hide under table |

**Student B, now come up with your own ideas.**

9. Who were you talking to when your phone died?
10. What did you do then?
11. What were you doing when the cabinet in the lounge collapsed?
12. What happened next?
13. What were you doing when the car pulled up your driveway?
14. What happened next?
15. What were you doing when the water sprinkler started?
16. What did you do then?

**Student B**

1. What was he doing when the audience started booing?
2. What happened next?
3. What was Laura doing when the man farted?
4. How did David react?
5. What was she doing when she got stung by a bee?
6. What did she do next?
7. What was the spider doing when the girl shrieked?
8. What did she do then?

**Student A**

- | tell bad jokes
- | leave the stage
- | massage the man's back
- | pretend that nothing happened
- | walk barefoot through a field
- | hop home on one foot
- | crawl up her arm
- | brush the spider off

**Student A, now come up with your own ideas.**

9. What were you doing when you cut your thumb?
10. What did you do next?
11. What were you wearing when everyone started laughing at you?
12. What happened next?
13. What were you doing when your boy-/girlfriend walked into the restaurant?
14. What happened next?
15. What were you doing when you walked into the lamppost?
16. What happened next?

## Student A

1. What was David doing when the earthquake started?  
*When the earthquake started he was mopping the floor.*
2. What happened next?  
*He slipped on the wet floor.*
3. What was Emily's sister doing when Emily came downstairs?  
*Emily's sister was arguing with her mother.*
4. What did Emily do then?  
*She told them to stop arguing.*
5. What were they doing when the plumber knocked on their door?  
*They were having a discussion.*
6. What did they do next?  
*They opened the door and asked the plumber in.*
7. What was he doing when the earth started shaking again?  
*He was changing the baby's nappies.*
8. What did he do next?  
*He hid under the table.*

## Student B

- | mop floor
- | slip on the wet floor
- | argue with her mother
- | tell them to stop arguing
- | have a discussion
- | open door / ask plumber in
- | change baby's nappies
- | take baby /hide under table

## Student B

1. What was he doing when the audience started booing?  
*He was telling bad jokes.*
2. What happened next?  
*He left the stage.*
3. What was Laura doing when the man farted?  
*She was massaging the man's back*
4. How did David react?  
*He pretended that nothing happened.*
5. What was she doing when she got stung by a bee?  
*She was walking barefoot through a field.*
6. What did she do next?  
*She hopped home on one foot.*
7. What was the spider doing when the girl shrieked?  
*The spider was crawling up her arm.*
8. What did she do then?  
*She brushed the spider off.*

## Student A

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