

Chapter 44: Past Simple vs Past Continuous

Arre boss! आज का topic hai ekदम filmy – Past Simple vs Past Continuous. Matlab English mein “beeti baatein” kaise batate hain. Ye dono tenses thoda confusing lagते hain shuru mein, par tension nahi – main tumhe samjhaunga masala movie style!

Past Simple (क्या है?)

- Past Simple = Beete waqt ka simple kaam jo khatam ho gaya.
- Formula: Subject + V2 (verb ka past form)
- Hindi signal words = “कल”, “पिछले हफ़्ते”, “2 दिन पहले”...

Example:

- I visited Delhi yesterday. = मैंने कल दिल्ली visit किया।
- Matlab kaam SURU bhi hua aur FINISH bhi hua.

Past Continuous (क्या है?)

- **Past Continuous** = Beete waqt ka koi kaam jo chal raha tha (progress mein tha).
- Formula: Subject + was/were + verb-ing
- Hindi signal words = “तभी”, “उस समय”, “जब”, “while”...

Example:

- I was watching TV when my friend came. = मैं टीवी देख रहा था जब मेरा दोस्त आया।
- Matlab ek kaam chal raha tha, aur beech mein doosra ghus gaya!

कब Use करें?

(1) **Past Simple** → Jab kaam ekdum khatam ho gaya past mein.

- She cooked dinner yesterday.

(2) **Past Continuous** → Jab kaam chal raha tha but us waqt aur kuch hua.

- She was cooking dinner when I called.

Shortcut:

- Past Simple = “What happened?”
- Past Continuous = “What was happening?”

Example Sentences (20)

Past Simple (Finished Actions)

- (1) I played cricket yesterday. = मैंने कल क्रिकेट खेला।
- (2) She visited her grandma last week. = उसने पिछले हफ्ते अपनी दादी से मुलाकात की।
- (3) We watched a movie. = हमने एक फिल्म देखी।
- (4) They studied English. = उन्होंने अंग्रेज़ी पढ़ी।
- (5) He cleaned his room in the morning. = उसने सुबह अपना कमरा साफ किया।

Past Continuous (Actions in Progress)

- (6) I was reading a book when you called. = मैं किताब पढ़ रहा था जब तुमने कॉल किया।
- (7) She was cooking dinner at 8 P.M. = वह रात 8 बजे खाना बना रही थी।
- (8) They were playing football in the park. = वे पार्क में फुटबॉल खेल रहे थे।
- (9) He was sleeping during the class. = वह क्लास के दौरान सो रहा था।
- (10) We were waiting for the bus. = हम बस का इंतजार कर रहे थे।

Mix (Both Together)

- (11) I was watching TV when my mother entered. = मैं टीवी देख रहा था जब मेरी माँ आई।
- (12) They were studying when the lights went out. = वे पढ़ रहे थे जब लाइट चली गई।
- (13) He called me while I was walking. = उसने कॉल किया जब मैं चल रहा था।
- (14) She was singing when her dad knocked. = वह गा रही थी जब उसके पापा ने दरवाज़ा खटखटाया।
- (15) We were having dinner when the phone rang. = हम खाना खा रहे थे जब फोन बजा।

More Simple Examples

- (16) I finished my homework yesterday. = मैंने कल होमवर्क पूरा किया।
- (17) She bought a new phone last month. = उसने पिछले महीने नया फोन खरीदा।
- (18) He was crying because he lost his toy. = वह रो रहा था क्योंकि उसका खिलौना खो गया।
- (19) I was learning English while my sister was cooking. = मैं अंग्रेज़ी सीख रहा था जबकि मेरी बहन खाना बना रही थी।
- (20) They traveled to Goa last year. = वे पिछले साल गोवा गए।

Vocabulary List

- (1) Yesterday = कल
- (2) Last week = पिछले हफ़्ते
- (3) Movie = फ़िल्म
- (4) Study = पढ़ना
- (5) Play = खेलना
- (6) Sleep = सोना
- (7) Cook = खाना बनाना
- (8) Wait = इंतज़ार करना
- (9) Call = कॉल करना
- (10) Knock = खटखटाना
- (11) Finish = ख़त्म करना
- (12) Travel = यात्रा करना
- (13) Book = किताब
- (14) Lights = बत्तियाँ
- (15) While = जब / उस समय

Funny Recap (Arre Yaar Style)

Boss, ab shortcut mein yaad rakho

- **Past Simple** → काम khatam. (I ate samosa yesterday.)
- **Past Continuous** → काम chal raha tha, aur kuch हुआ. (I was eating samosa when my friend stole one!)

Masti Example:

- Dost bola: "What did you do yesterday?"
- Tum बोले: "I played cricket." (Past Simple)
- Dost bola: "Aur main call kar रहा था...?"

- Tum बोले: “I was playing cricket when you called!” (Past Continuous)

Bas boss! Ab tum Past Simple aur Past Continuous ka difference ekdum clarity se samajh गए. Ek kaam finish hua → Simple; kaam chal रहा था → Continuous.