



The Story of Camossung

Syntax Verb Tenses: Simple Past & Past Progressive

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Lesson Overview

Territorial acknowledgment

Grammar point: simple past and past progressive

Focused practice

Communicative practice

Exit ticket

Territorial Acknowledgement

Teacher Evan works, lives and plays on the traditional territories of the Lkwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. I acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.



Songhees

Storytelling

Questions

- What type of fish are caught in the river?
- What animal is jumping out of the water?
- What is storytelling?



<https://youtu.be/Z4Uly49qQ6U>

Importance of Storytelling

Storytelling is a term that everybody interprets in his or her own way.

The life lessons brought about in Indigenous storytelling are essential for Indigenous peoples to make sense of the world and to teach about values, history, significant events, relationships, cultural beliefs, and sacred stories.



Simple Past

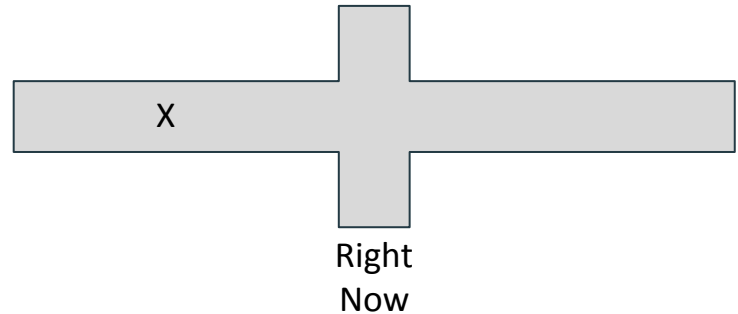
Used to express a finished action with a specific time marker. The time of the action can be in the recent past or the distant past and the type of action is not important.

With most verbs, the past tense is formed by adding *-ed*. There are a number of irregular past tense forms in English (see handout).

Chris finished his work at 5:00pm. (finish)

Chris _____ to work yesterday. (walk)

Chris _____ on Monday. (call)



Past Progressive

Used to express an action interrupted in the past or in progress at a certain time in the past.

This tense is formed with the helping "to be" verb, in the past tense, plus the present participle of the verb (with an *-ing* ending).

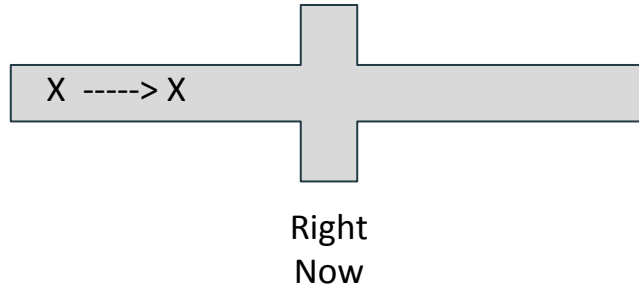
I was playing baseball when the moon came out. (play)

I, he, she, it	was	playing
You, we, they	were	playing

Past Progressive

Chris _____ to work yesterday when the phone rang. (walk)

Yesterday evening I _____ a film when someone knocked on the door. (watch)



Individual Practice

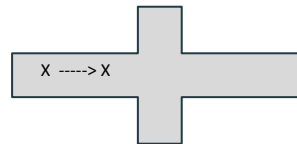
Instructions: Underline the verb and identify the correct verb tense (simple past or past progressive).

Example: Julie was walking to class when she saw a bird. past progressive

1. The pilot landed the plane at 8:00pm. _____
2. Jim and Liza were playing tennis yesterday at 11:00am. _____
3. Alisha finished her homework yesterday. _____
4. The woman was reading a book at 9:00pm last night. _____



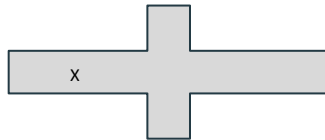
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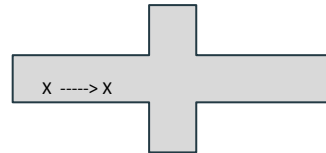
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Group Activity: The Legend of Camossung

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She _____ (refuse) many things but duck, herring, coho, and oyster she _____ (accept), and that is why these were plentiful on the Gorge waterway. Because she was greedy, Haylas told her she would look after the food resources for her people and he _____ (turn) her and her grandfather into stone.

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What's your story?

Camossung and the Spirit Rock



<https://youtu.be/D4WZJbXBEoE>



EXIT

TICKET

ADMIT ONE

