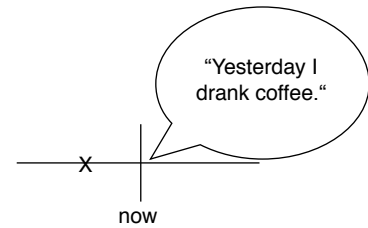# Tenses

## Past Tense Simple

### 1. Form

regular:  verb + ed; worked, played, wanted, cried

irregular: 2. Spalte; went, had, did, was, were

### 2. Verwendung

Handlungen, die in der Vergangenheit abgeschlossen wurden.

oft mit: yesterday, two years ago, last week, in 1945,
last Friday,

*"Yesterday I drank coffee."*

now

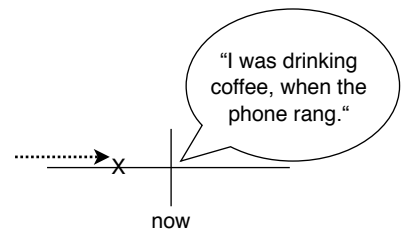## Past Tense Progressive

### 1. Form

was/were + -ing

### 2. Verwendung

a) um die Länge einer Handlung hervorzuheben
z.B.: It was raining all day  yesterday.

b) um die Begleitumstände zu einem vergangenen Ereignis zu
beschreiben
z.B.: Bob was eating when she entered.

c) um auszudrücken, daß sich beide vergangenen Ereignisse
gleichzeitig  abspielten
z.B.: Bob was eating while his sister was watching TV.

*"I was drinking coffee, when the phone rang."*

now

# Tenses

## Exercises

Past simple or progressive


1. _____


2. _____


3. He (play) the piano, while she (listen to) it.

4. We (do) the homework when the teacher (come) in.

5. It (rain) heavily while Peter (wait) for the bus.

6. She (meet) her friend in the canteen.

7. They (look for) a nice little house in Rochester.

8. The people (sit) quietly while the pilot (sleep) in the cockpit.

9. He (not wear) a terrible black coat when I (see) him last time.

10. Suddenly he (hear) a terrible noise.

11. All lights (go) out as she (walk) downstairs.

12. He (close) the door because it (rain) outside.




13. The pupils (write) test when the fire-alarm (ring).

14. They (not work) when their boss (enter) the office.

15. Why _____ you _____ (use)  the cassette recorder?

16.  It (rain) last night. I couldn´t sleep.

17. _____ you _____ (open) the garage this morning?

17. _____ you _____ (play) the piano yesterday?

19. Why _____ they _____ (write) a letter to the police?

20. What _____ he _____ (look) like?

21. What _____ she _____ (do) when Peter (come) in?

22. Why don´t you answer me? Sorry, I (not listen).