



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 14 – I was doing (Past continuous)
and I did (Past simple)



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I was doing and I did

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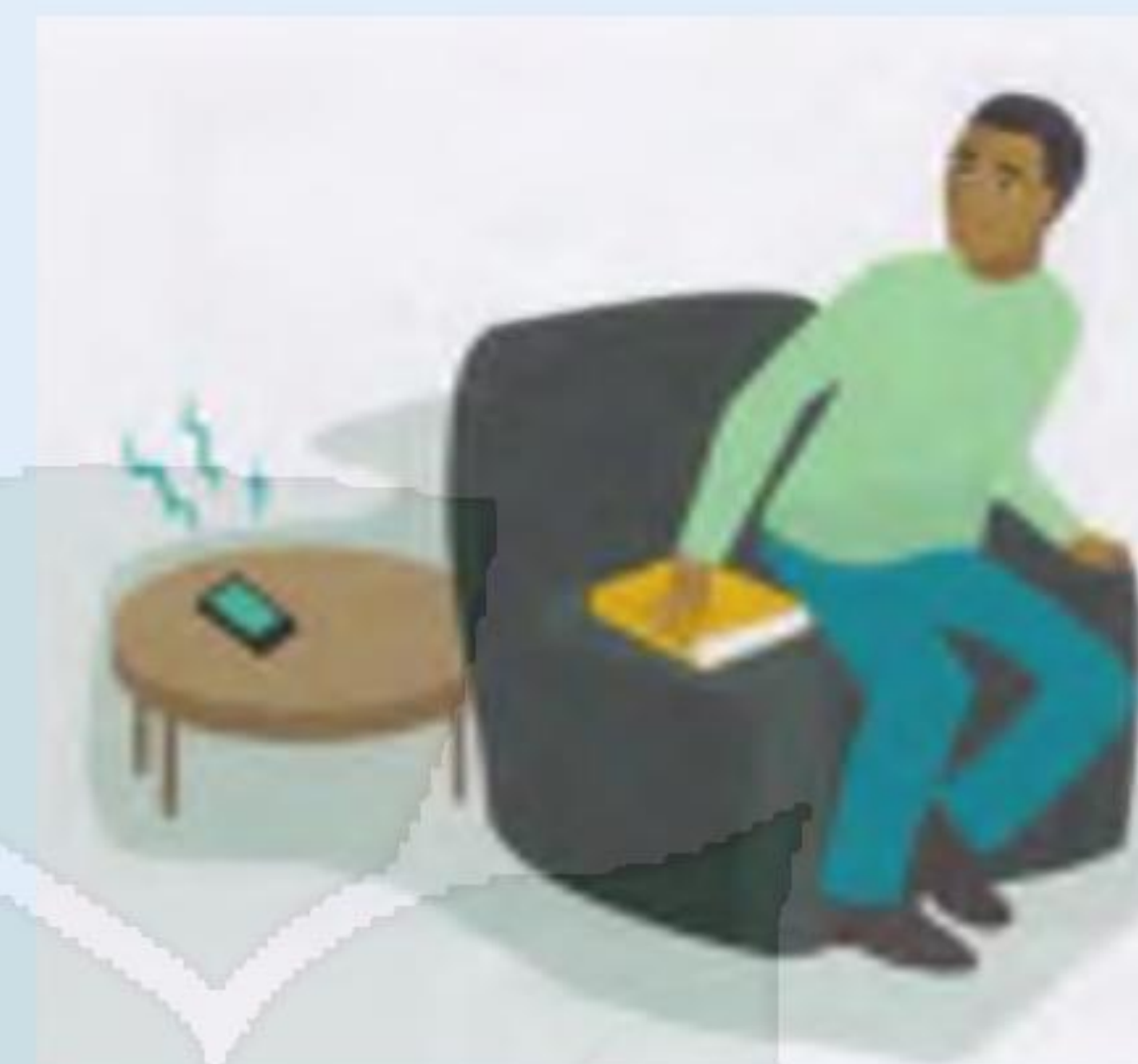
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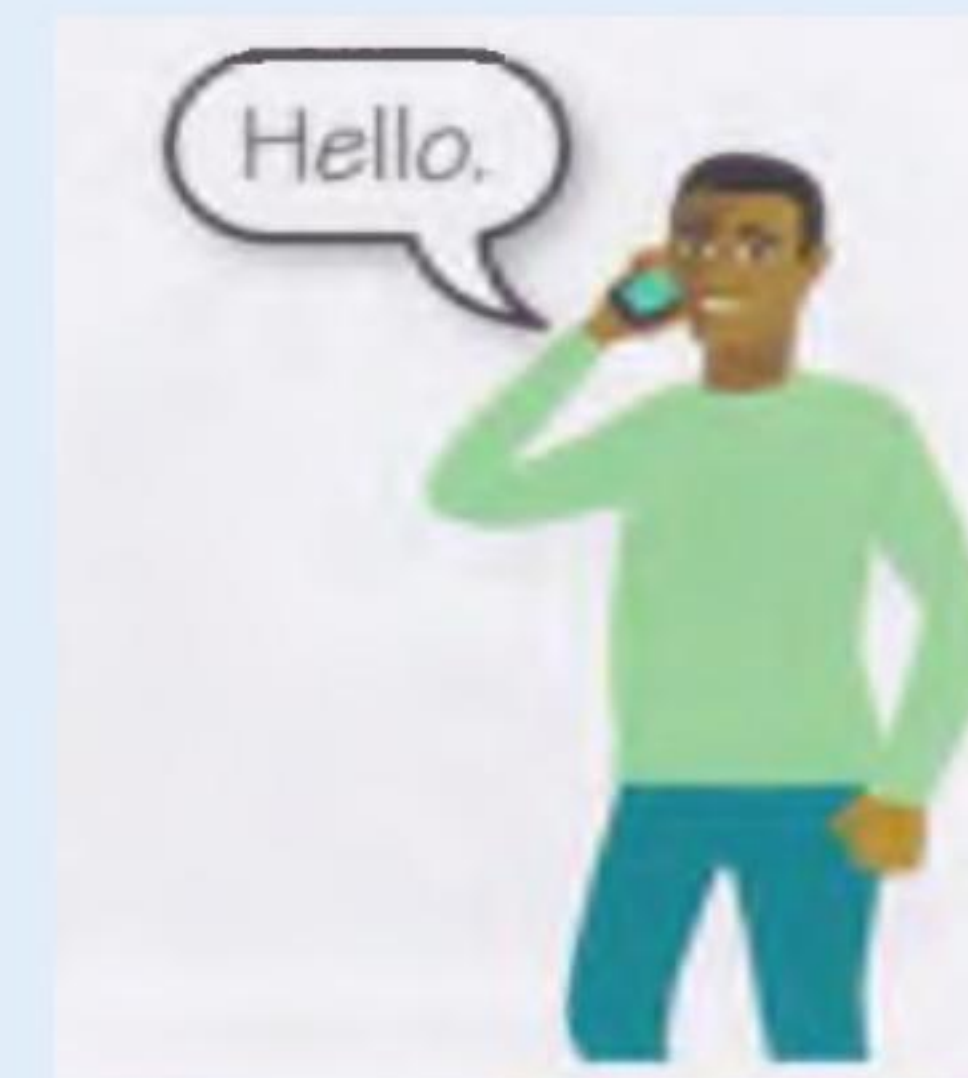
Jack was reading a book.



His phone rang.



He stopped reading.



He answered his phone.

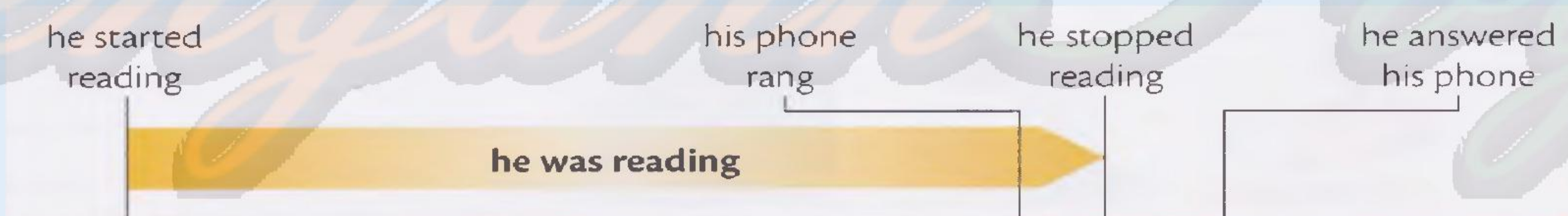
What **happened**? His phone **rang** (past simple)

What **was** Jack **doing** when his phone rang? } Past
He **was reading** a book. } continuous

What **did** he **do** when his phone rang?

He **stopped** reading and **answered** his phone. } Past simple

Jack began reading *before* his phone rang.
So when his phone rang, he **was reading**.



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PAST SIMPLE

A: What **did** you **do** yesterday morning?

B: We **played** tennis, (from 10 to 11.30)

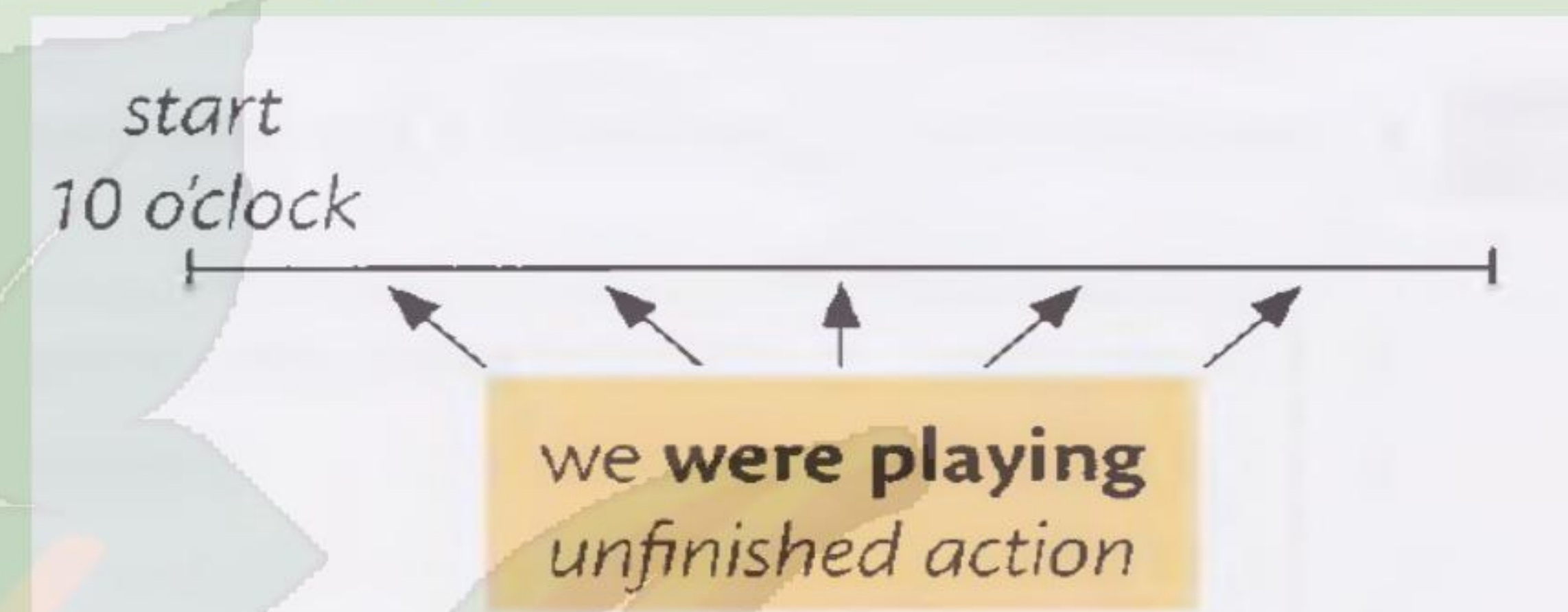


- Jack **read** a book yesterday. (from beginning to end)
- **Did** you **watch** the game on TV last night ?
- It **didn't rain** while we were on holiday

PAST CONTINUOUS

A: What **were** you **doing** at 10.30?

B: We **were playing** tennis.



- Jack **was reading** a book when his phone rang.
- **Were** you **watching** TV when I phoned you ?
- It **wasn't raining** when I got up.

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- Ex1: I **started** work at 9 o'clock and **finished** at 4.30. At 2.30 I **was working**.
- Ex2: It **was raining** when we **went** out. (= it started raining before we went out)
- Ex3: I **saw** Lucy and Steve this morning. They **were waiting** at the bus stop.
- Ex4: Kelly **fell** asleep while she was reading.