**八年级（下）英语第16周第4课时**

**总复习4 学程拓展**

**Past Simple and Past Continuous**

1. **The Past Simple expresses completed past actions.**

**The Past Continuous expresses activities in progress.**

Compare these sentences：

*I* ***washed*** *my hair last night.*

*I* ***was washing*** *my hair when you* ***phoned****.*

*“What* ***did*** *you* ***do*** *at the weekend?” “I* ***played*** *tennis.”*

*We* ***were playing*** *tennis when it started to rain.*

1. **A Past Simple action can interrupt a Past Continuous activity in progress.**

*When I* ***phoned*** *Simon he* ***was having*** *a shower.*

*I* ***was doing*** *my homework when Jane* ***arrived****.*

1. **In stories, the Past Continuous can describe the scene. The Past Simple tells the action.**

*It* ***was*** *a beautiful day. The sun* ***was shining*** *and the birds* ***were singing****, so we* ***decided*** *to go for a picnic. We* ***put*** *everything in the car...*

*(from New Headway Pre-Intermediate)*