

# What Were You Doing?

## Past Simple vs. Past Continuous



# Vocabulary

**Blackout:** a failure of an electrical power supply.

**Bang:** a sudden loud, sharp noise.

**Go out:** (of a fire or light) to be extinguished.

**Occur:** to happen; to take place.

**Negligence:** failure to take proper care over something.

**Power station:** an installation where electrical power is generated for distribution.

**Issue:** a problem or difficulty, especially with a service or facility.

**Crash:** (of a computer or mechanism) fail suddenly.

# Introduction

The **past continuous** and the **past simple** tense are often used together. The past simple is a tense used to show activities finished in the past, and the **past continuous**, on the other hand, usually describes the duration of an action or the continuity of an action in the past that is interrupted by another event.

