

	Past simple (Egyszerű múlt idő) (book → booked; lose → lost)	Past continuous (Folyamatos múlt idő) (was / were + doing)
Állítás (+):	I booked two hotel rooms yesterday. (booked → -ed a múlt idő jele) My friend lost his wallet in the supermarket. (lost → <i>rendhagyó</i> múlt idejű alak: lose – lost)	I was working in the office. She was watching TV. We were talking about literature. The children were playing with each other.
Tagadás (-):	I didn't book two hotel rooms. My friend didn't lose his wallet in the supermarket.	I wasn't working in the office. She wasn't watching TV. We weren't talking about literature. The children weren't playing with each other.
Kérdés (?):	Did you book the hotel rooms? (rövid válaszok → Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.) Where did your friend lose his wallet?	Where was I working ? Was she watching TV? What were you talking about? Who were the children playing with?
Használata:	Az egyszerű múlt időt a múltban történt, már lezárult cselekvésekre és történések leírására használjuk. Ez a cselekvés vagy történet rövid vagy hosszú ideig is tarthatott. A lényeg, hogy befejeződött .	A folyamatos múlt idővel olyan cselekvéseket vagy történéseket tudunk kifejezni, amik a múlt egy adott pillanatában éppen folyamatban voltak.
További példák:	<i>Sarah <u>found</u> her car key in the kitchen.</i> <i>I <u>decided</u> to learn Chinese.</i> <i>My family <u>lived</u> in Portugal for 3 years.</i> <i>When I <u>entered</u> the room, they <u>were talking</u> quietly.</i> (Amikor beléptem a szobába, csendben beszélgettek.) <i>While Jane <u>was cooking</u> a delicious lunch, her husband <u>was doing</u> the shopping with the children.</i> (Miközben Jane finom ebédet készített, a férje bevásárolt a gyerekekkel.) <i>Steve <u>took</u> a photo of us while we <u>were swimming</u> in the lake.</i> (Steve lefényképezett bennünket, miközben a tóban fürödtünk.)	<i>I <u>was reading</u> a book about Picasso at 7 o'clock yesterday.</i> <i>Sam <u>was doing</u> his homework when I called him.</i> <i>We <u>were having</u> dinner when you called.</i>