

The Past Continuous Tense

- “As he was sitting at the breakfast next morning, Basil Hallward was shown into the room” (Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, 1994:125)
- “Old Mrs. Leaf was crying and wringing her hands.” (Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, 1994:256)
- “I fell over. I got to my feet. I looked overboard again. The sea was rising. The waves were getting closer. We were sinking fast.” (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:104)
- “I noticed an orange whistle dangling from the life jacket. The men were nodding vigorously at me. When they took hold of me and lifted me in their strong arms, I thought nothing of it. I thought they were helping me.” (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:105)
- “My head became clearer. Truly, I was coming back to life from the dead.” (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:143)
- “After just a few weeks my body began to deteriorate. My feet and ankles started to swell and I was finding it very tiring to stand.” (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:214)
- “He was dreaming: he was shaking and growling in his sleep. He was loud enough about it to have woken me up.” (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:264)
- “Dawsey was standing by the window, looking out” (Shaffer & Barrows, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, 1919:222)
- “I frantically pushed the dog away. The woman was crying and apologizing, almost hysterical herself.” (Shaffer & Barrows, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, 1919:222)
- “Water was running in out of the scullery. She paddled through barefoot, to see. Water was bubbling fiercely under the outer door. She was afraid.” (Lawrence, *The Rainbow*, 2010:252)