

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

It emphasizes what happened when the interruption occurred. It shows only continuity.

Example: When I arrived, Lisa **was reading** newspaper.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

It emphasizes the process of the action before the interruption. It shows continuity and also duration of the action.

Example: We **had been looking** for the wallet for 2 hours when Susan found it.