

Past Continuous vs Past Simple

When Paco entered the Apartheid museum, he could see lots of tourists **were visiting** it. He got really surprised because he didn't know there were so many people interested in subjects related to South Africa and, concretely, in the years of racism that this country suffered. Some of them **were looking at** some huge black and white photographs showing black people on strike. Others **were reading** long texts which explained the movements of the society in detail. And some **were talking** to each other wondering why humans are sometimes so cruel: "There's no respect", Paco could hear.

While he **was having** a look at the corner where some letters written by Nelson Mandela could be read, he could see the most amazing thing he had ever seen: a white South African **was telling** a black **off** for a minor fault. He thought it was unbelievable. Even in the 21st century it seemed white people mistreated black people. He couldn't stand that any longer and left the room while the white man **was shouting** louder and louder. Paco felt very bad and decided it was time to leave the museum.

At the door, he **was thinking** about what had happened in that room, when his mobile phone rang once again...

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