Aspect: (dokonavy a nedokonavy vid)

**In the present tense**, we ***almost always*** use the present simple.

They use email.

You can only use present continuous if you can put “right now” (or something with the same meaning) into the sentence.

They *are using* email right now.

**In the past tense**, we almost always use the past simple ☺

They didn’t prepare for their classes. ☺

☹ ~~They weren’t preparing for their classes.~~

Use the past continuous ONLY as a background tense for the past simple:

They were eating cockroaches **when I arrived**.

They were skiing **when suddenly a bear jumped out of the woods and ate them.**

They were crying **when their mother arrived.**

They were playing the piano **when their prof. jumped off the bridge and died.**