



Past Simple

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+ V 2/ed  
- didn't V1  
? Did ☺ V1



yesterday, yesterday morning / evening  
etc., last night / week / Monday etc.,  
two weeks / a month / ago etc., in 1998,  
when



# Use Past Simple:

- Действие произошло в указанное время в прошлом  
e.g. He bought a new car two days ago.
- Последовательные действия в прошлом  
e.g. She put on her coat, took her bag and left her house.
- Повторяющиеся действия, привычки в прошлом  
e.g. He often travelled to London when he was a student.



# Past Continuous

Was / were + Ving

while, when, as, all day / night /  
morning yesterday, the whole day

Use Past Continuous:

- Действие происходило в определенный момент в прошлом

e.g. We were watching TV at 8 o'clock last night.

- Действие происходило в прошлом и было прервано другим действием

e.g. I was cooking dinner when the phone rang.



- Два и более действий в прошлом происходили одновременно (обычно выполнялись разными людьми)

e.g. I was listening to music while my sister was doing her homework.

- Описание обстановки, на фоне которой произошли события рассказа

e.g. We were walking in the woods. It was raining heavily, the wind was blowing ...





# Past Perfect

had + V 3 / ed

before, after, by the time, by, just,  
already, for, since, till / untill, when

Use Past Perfect:

- Действие предшествовало другому действию в прошлом

e.g. The children had fallen asleep before their parents came back home.

- Действие завершилось в прошлом и его результаты также видны в прошлом

e.g. He was happy because he had won the race.

- Нужен эквивалент в прошедшем времени для Present Perfect

e.g. She isn't in her office. She has already left.  
She wasn't in her office. She had already left.





# Past Perfect Continuous

had been + Ving

for, since how long, before, till / untill

- Длительное время в прошлом, которое началось и закончилось в прошлом перед другим действием или описывается его результат

e.g. He had been living in the city for 7 years before he decided to move to the countryside.

The children had been playing in the garden all afternoon and their clothes were dirty.



THE END

