

Past Simple



yesterday *in 1995*
last year *in summer/ June*
two days ago *on Sunday*

She **plant****ed** roses yesterday.
Она **посадила** розы вчера.

Ved (2)

(did + V₁)

Spelling (- ed)


look – look**ed**

arrive – arriv**ed**

stop – stop**ped**

play – play**ed**, study – stud**ied**

Reading

-ed  **[t] – stop**ped**, watch**ed****
[d] – smelled**, cry**ed****
[id] – visited**, need**ed****

Past Progressive



at 5 o'clock yesterday *all morning*
when he came
While/ as I was working

She **was plant****ing** roses when he came.
Она **сажала** розы, когда он пришел

was

V ing

were

Spelling (- ing)

call – call**ing**

come – com**ing**

put – putt**ing**

play – play**ing**, fly – fly**ing**



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She **planted** roses yesterday.

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She **did not plant** roses
yesterday.

?

Did she **plant** roses yesterday?

Yes, she **did**.

No, she **did not**.



Past Progressive

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She **was** **planting** roses when he came .

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She **was not** **planting** roses when he came.

?

Was she **planting** roses when he came?

Yes, she **was**.

No, she **was not**.





Past Simple

1. When **did** you **buy** that dress?
I **bought** it yesterday.

The train left at 9.15.

Когда ты купила это платье?
Я купила его вчера.

Поезд ушел в 9.15. (*действие
произошло в определенное время в
прошлом*)

2. Once there **was** a king, who **had** a
beautiful daughter.

Однажды жил-был король, у которого
была прекрасная дочь. (*состояние
дел в прошлом.*)





Past Progressive

1. It **was raining** (1) when Bob **left** (2) my house.

Шел дождь (1), когда Боб вышел из моего дома (2). (*2-ое действие случилось на фоне 1-го*)

2. I **was reading** while my sister **was eating** breakfast.

Я читал, пока моя сестра завтракала. (*оба действия длительные*)

3. What **were** you **doing** at 7 o'clock yesterday?

Что ты делала вчера в 7 часов вечера? (*длительное действие в указанный момент времени*)



We use the past simple:

- a) for an action which happened at a definite time in the past. The time is stated, already known or implied.



They **went** camping by the lake last month. (When did they go camping? Last month. The time is stated.)

- c) for past habits or states which are now finished. In such cases we can also use the expression *used to*.



Kitchens **were/used to be** very different a hundred years ago.

- b) for actions which happened immediately one after the other in the past.



First she **paid** the driver, then she **got out** of the taxi.

The past simple is used with the following time expressions: *yesterday, then, when, How long ago ...?, last night/week/month/year/Tuesday, etc., three days/weeks, etc. ago, in 1997, etc.*



We use the past progressive:

- a) for an action which was in progress at a stated time in the past. We do not mention when the action started or finished.

At seven o'clock yesterday evening they **were having** dinner.
(We do not know when they started or finished their dinner.)



- c) for two or more simultaneous past actions.

She **was talking** on her mobile phone while she **was driving** to work.



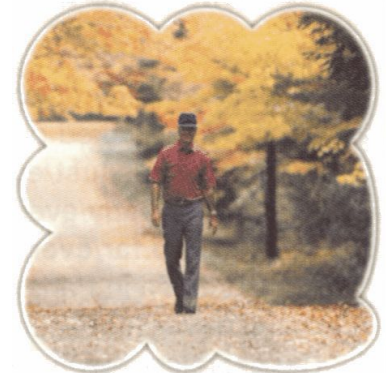
- b) for an action which was in progress when another action interrupted it. We use the past continuous for the action in progress (longer action) and the past simple for the action which interrupted it (shorter action).

He **was walking** down the street when he **ran into** an old friend.



- d) to describe the atmosphere, setting, etc. in the introduction to a story before we describe the main events.

One beautiful autumn afternoon, Ben **was strolling** down a quiet country lane. The birds **were singing** and the leaves **were rustling** in the breeze.



The past continuous is used with the following time expressions: *while, when, as, all morning/evening/day/night, etc.*



Put the verbs in brackets into the *past continuous* or the *past simple*. Then, put the pictures in the right order.



It 1) *...was...* (be) a beautiful spring morning when Emma and her father 2) (decide) to visit Seaton Castle. The sun 3) (shine) and the birds 4) (sing). Emma 5) (feel) very excited. The castle 6) (be) very old and made of stone. They 7) (climb) the steps to the top of the tower. While they 8) (admire) the view, they 9) (hear) some noises. They 10) (look) around but they 11) (not/see) anybody. "That's funny," said Emma. "I 12) (think) I 13) (see) someone standing over there." After a while they 14) (decide) to visit the cellar of the castle. Emma 15) (examine) an old barrel when she 16) (hear) the door of the cellar close behind them. "Dad," she 17) (say), "don't close the door!" "But, I 18) (not/close) it, dear," her father said. Emma 19) (turn) around and 20) (see) a shadow on the wall. She 21) (know) then that the ghost of Seaton Castle 22) (watch) them!

12 2 decided, 3 was shining, 4 were singing, 5 felt, 6 was, 7 climbed, 8 were admiring, 9 heard, 10 looked, 11 did not/didn't see, 12 thought, 13 saw, 14 decided, 15 was examining, 16 heard, 17 said, 18 did not/didn't close, 19 turned, 20 saw, 21 knew, 22 was watching.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

Dear Rick,

I'm writing to you from my hotel in Switzerland.

I'm having a lovely time here but you can't imagine what 1) ...*happened*... (happen) to me yesterday. I 2) (be) on the mountain with my friends and we 3) (have) a lovely time because the snow 4) (be) perfect for skiing. Unfortunately the sun 5) (shine) on the snow, so it 6) (be) difficult to see. Suddenly, I 7) (hit) a rock and I 8) (fall) over. Luckily I 9) (not/be) seriously hurt — I just 10) (get) a few bruises. Now I'm trying to be more careful!

I'll see you when I get back.

Best wishes,
Kevin

13 2 was, 3 were having, 4 was, 5 was shining, 6 was,
7 hit, 8 fell, 9 was not/wasn't, 10 got.

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

She 1) ... **was lying** ... (lie) in bed when she 2)
(hear) a sudden noise. She 3) (open)
her eyes in horror. Someone 4) (open) a
downstairs window; they 5) (try) to get
into her house. She 6) (climb) slowly out
of bed and 7) (creep) to the door. She
8) (stand) very still and listening carefully
when she 9) (see) a light downstairs.
It 10) (move) about as if someone
11) (hold) a torch and searching for
something. She 12) (know) that they
13)(look) for her.

2 heard

3 opened

4 was opening

5 were trying

6 climbed

7 crept

8 was standing

9 saw

10 was moving

11 was holding

12 knew

13 were looking

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous. Which was the longer action in each sentence?

- 1 They **...were cleaning..** (clean) the windows when it **...started** ... (start) to rain.
- 2 As he (drive) to work, he (remember) that his briefcase was still at home.
- 3 Melanie (cook) dinner when her husband (come) home.
- 4 I (hear) a loud crash as I (sit) in the garden.
- 5 She (type) a letter when her boss (arrive).
- 6 While the dog (dig) in the garden, it (find) a bone.
- 7 Mary (ride) her bicycle when she (notice) the tiny kitten.
- 8 While I (do) my homework, the phone (ring).

- 2 was driving, remembered
Driving to work was the longer action.
- 3 was cooking, came
Cooking dinner was the longer action.
- 4 heard, was sitting
Sitting in the garden was the longer action.
- 5 was typing, arrived
Typing a letter was the longer action.
- 6 was digging, found
Digging in the garden was the longer action.
- 7 was riding, noticed
Riding her bicycle was the longer action.
- 8 was doing, rang
Doing my homework was the longer action.

A policeman is asking Mrs Hutchinson about a car accident she happened to see yesterday. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.



P: What 1) ... **were you doing** ... (you/do) when you
2) (see) the accident, madam?

H: I 3) (walk) down the street.

P: What exactly 4) (you/see)?

H: Well, the driver of the car 5)
(drive) down the road when suddenly the old man
just 6) (step) in front of him! It
7) (be) terrible!

P: 8) (the driver/speed)?

H: No, not really, but the old man 9)
..... (not/look) both ways before
he 10) (try) to cross the road.

P: 11) (anyone else/see)
the accident?

H: Yes, the lady in the post office.

P: Thank you very much.

2 saw
3 was walking
4 did you see
5 was driving
6 stepped
7 was
8 Was the driver
speeding

9 did not/didn't
look
10 tried
11 Did anyone else
see