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Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

Simple Past

We use the **simple past** to talk about:

Completed actions, **habits** and **facts** in the past.

- I **went** to the cinema **yesterday.**
- I **always visited** my grandparents in my summer holidays **when I was little.**
- I **lived** near Liverpool for a couple of years.

Past Continuous

The **past continuous** is used to express:

Interrupted actions, **specific time** as an **interruption** and **parallel** actions.

- **I was watching** TV **when** the phone rang.
- **Last night at 7pm,** I **was having** dinner.

While she **was doing** her homework her brother **was playing** football.

1. Match the past form of the verbs. Follow the example.

INFINITIVE	PAST FORM
BEGIN	PLAYED
CRY	HAD
DANCE	VISITED
DRINK	DANCED
FIND	WENT
VISIT	BEGAN
HAVE	CRIED
WALK	DRANK
GO	FOUND
PLAY	WALKED

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2. choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

a. I_____(buy) a lollipop..

buy bought buyed

b. You_____(see) the butterfly.

saw seed see

c. She_____(know) the answer of the question.

know knowed knew

d. They_____(visit) the museum.

visit visitted visited

e. Camila and Robert_____(walk) around the city.

walked walk walkked

3. Match the sentences with the question form.

a. Martin lived in Brazil.	____Did we buy the car?
b. We bought the car.	____Did Tomas find the keys?
c. Lucy watched TV.	____Did Freddy jump high?
d. Tomas found the keys.	____Did Peter go to the pool?
e. Freddy jumped high.	_a_ Did Martin live in Brazil?
f. Peter went to the pool.	____Did Lucy watch TV?

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4. Match the picture and the past progressive sentences

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

We were eating pizza.

He was drinking orange juice.

They were walking to school.

She was washing the dishes.

John was reading a book in the afternoon.

6.
7.
8.

They were studying in the morning.

The children were playing in the park.

I was watching tv with my friends.

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5. Complete the sentences with the correct form – ing verb

Watch	Run	Drive	Cook	Read
~~Wash~~	Do	Study	Dance	Clean

A. We were WASHING the dishes.

B. I was_____TV.

C. She was_____in the park.

D. They were_____for the exam.

E. You were_____the house.

F. He was_____a lasagna.

G. We were_____a book.

H. You were_____a car.

I. I was_____bachata.

J. They were_____the homework.

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