

Past simple and past continuous

1 Write the past simple form of these regular and irregular verbs.

1 cry _____
 2 travel _____
 3 send _____
 4 enjoy _____
 5 stop _____
 6 break _____
 7 fall _____

8 chat _____
 9 happen _____
 10 say _____
 11 know _____
 12 try _____
 13 cut _____
 14 turn _____

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

1 Last summer, my friend and I _____ around the south of France. We really _____ ourselves.
 2 _____ you _____ at the end of the film? I thought it was really sad.
 3 Sarah is very angry. What _____ you _____ to her? You _____ to her yesterday.
 4 I _____ my grandmother an email yesterday with a photo but she _____ (not) how to open the attachment!
 5 My mobile phone _____ on the floor but the screen _____ (not). That was lucky!
 6 I didn't see the accident. It all _____ very quickly.
 7 My PC was making a strange noise so I _____ using it and _____ it off.
 8 We _____ to open the box with a knife but my dad _____ himself. There was blood everywhere!

3 Write questions with the past simple.

1 When / you / buy / that tablet / ?

2 How much / your new computer / cost / ?

3 What / you / do / after school yesterday / ?

4 Why / you / not / call me last night / ?

5 Where / Dad / save / the photos / on the computer / ?

6 Which files / you / delete / ?

7 How many copies / Gary / print / yesterday / ?

8 Which company / Steve Jobs / help to start / ?

4 Write the -ing form of the verbs.

1 attach _____
 2 tie _____
 3 run _____
 4 save _____
 5 give _____
 6 get _____
 7 delete _____

8 change _____
 9 upload _____
 10 think _____
 11 win _____
 12 spot _____
 13 serve _____
 14 realise _____

5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I make (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
- 2 Joe and Sam use (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
- 3 Who was that guy you dance (dance) with at the party?
- 4 Paula come (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
- 5 In 1999 my father live (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
- 6 He open (open) the box when he cut his finger.
- 7 This time last week, we visit (visit) my grandmother.
- 8 I sit (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
- 9 Andrew insert (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
- 10 I start (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

6 Choose the correct options.

- 1 I *listened / was listening* to the radio when I *heard / was hearing* this fantastic song.
- 2 When the teacher *said / was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried / was still trying* to finish the last question.
- 3 I feel really silly! While I *danced / was dancing*, I *fell / was falling* and *broke / was breaking* my elbow.
- 4 Tim *played / was playing* a computer game when his mum *called / was calling* him for lunch.
- 5 I *looked / was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed / was noticing* there was a virus.
- 6 Ron *found / was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surfed / was surfing* the internet.
- 7 My mum *had / was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled / was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- 8 When you *saw / were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go / wasn't going* to school, I *went / was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- 9 How many pictures *did you take / were you taking* while you *travelled / were travelling* around Ireland?
- 10 Why *did you chat / were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried / was trying* to tell you something really important?

7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I switch off (switch off) the computer because it make (make) a strange noise.
- 2 My dad listen (listen) to classical music when I arrive (arrive) home from school.
- 3 We play (play) video games when my mum say (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
- 4 My cousin meet (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he live (live) in Italy.
- 5 My little sister draw (draw) a picture while I study (study) for my French exam.
- 6 While they try (try) to fix the computer, all the lights go out (go out).
- 7 When we leave (leave) school yesterday, it pour (pour) with rain.
- 8 When you see (see) Paul, he wear (wear) a black jacket?
- 9 I try (try) to log on when the WiFi stop (stop) working.
- 10 While Dad print (print) an article, the printer run out (run out) of paper.

8 Complete the story with the correct past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, when I ¹ try (try) to do my English homework on my laptop, the battery ² run out (run out). I ³ lie (lie) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I ⁴ also chat (chat) to my friend Daniel on Facebook. OK, so I ⁵ not concentrate (not concentrate) very hard on my homework and I ⁶ forget (forget) to plug in my laptop! I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen ⁷ go (go) black. I ⁸ lose (lose) everything. I ⁹ scream (scream) in frustration. My dad ¹⁰ come (come) running into my bedroom. I ¹¹ almost cry (cry) so he ¹² give (give) me his laptop. I ¹³ try (try) to remember everything in my essay – it ¹⁴ be (be) quite difficult especially because Daniel was sending me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I was watching one, the WiFi stopped working. In the end it was probably better because I ¹⁵ manage (manage) to finish the essay.