

SIMPLE PAST vs PAST PROGRESSIVE

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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.

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Past Tense – Simple or progressive

1. It _____ (**rain**) when we _____ (**come**) out of the shopping centre.
2. It _____ (**happen**) very quickly. The car _____ (**come**) out of the side road and then the van _____ (**drive**) into the back of it.
3. I _____ (**be**) ill last week.
4. He _____ (**break**) his leg when he _____ (**ski**).
5. I _____ (**look**) out of the window and saw that people _____ (**walk**) in the park.
6. Emma _____ (**pass**) her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we _____ (**see**) the spaceship we _____ (**stop**) the car.
8. When _____ (**you buy**) the car? – I _____ (**buy**) it a few years ago.
9. He _____ (**sit**) in the garden when a wasp _____ (**sting**) him in the nose.
10. Claire _____ (**go**) to Egypt last month.