



Tema para Agosto

- Reading comprehension
- Simple Past vs Past Continuous

Activity 1: Read the text and complete it with the verbs in the box.

Leemos el texto, utilizamos un diccionario bilingüe para aquellas palabras que no conocemos.

Link de acceso a diccionario: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/es/diccionario/ingles-espanol/>

agricultural centre Renaissance human rational situated streets towns



The first stable (1) _____ settlements appeared when agriculture replaced nomadic existence. The first cities were centres for commerce, politics, defence and distribution of (2) _____ surplus. The earliest examples of planned cities in history were in modern-day Iraq and India. In these cities some (3) _____ were paved and there were both commercial and residential streets.

The first examples of cities in the West were in Greece and in Italy. Many European (4) _____ are still based on schemes that date back to the times of the Romans, who put all the streets at right angles, set out in a square grid. During the Middle Ages there was no trace of (5) _____ urban planning in Europe. Cities grew around a fortress or a fortified abbey. Most of them were (6) _____ on high defensible ground and their plans followed the irregularities of elevation contours. They offered protection both to urban city and rural inhabitants during enemy attacks.

Things changed again during the (7) _____. A great number of important artists created beautiful buildings in many cities which were accurately designed by architects and city planners.

In Florence, for example, radial streets extended outward from a defined (8) _____.

Activity 2: Read the text again and write T(true) or F(false)

- The first cities were centres of commerce, politics and defence.
- The earliest examples of planned cities in history are in the West.
- Many European towns date back to the times of the Romans.
- Urban planning was extremely important during the Middle Ages.
- Cities in Europe grew around a fortress or a fortified abbey during the Middle Ages.
- During the Renaissance radial streets extended outward from a defined centre in Florence.


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.



Recordemos que vamos a utilizar el **pasado simple** para hablar de acciones en el pasado que fueron completadas. Siempre sabemos cuándo sucedió esa actividad.

En cambio vamos a utilizar el **pasado continuo** para hablar de una acción en el pasado que se estaba realizando en un momento determinado o bien para acciones que estaban sucediendo en el pasado pero que fueron interrumpidas por otra acción en el pasado (narración de historias).

Como hemos visto anteriormente los verbos en pasado simple pueden ser REGULARES (agregan -d/ -ed/ -ied) o IRREGULARES (cambian, usamos en la tabla de verbos, la segunda columna)

I **cooked** a delicious pizza last night. (COOK)

My grandfather **built** his house in 1945. (BUILD)

El pasado continuo de forma con el verbo BE en pasado (WAS/WERE) y el verbo principal con -ing

I **was cooking** yesterday at 8p.m. (COOK)

The kids **were watching** TV yesterday at 9. (WATCH)

I **was having** a bath **when** the telephone **rang**. (aquí una acción en progreso fue interrumpida por otra acción)

Activity 3: Write the past simple and the past continuous for the following verbs.

| VERB | SIMPLE PAST FORM | PAST CONTINUOUS FORM |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|
| BUILD | | |
| PLAY | | |
| DRIVE | | |
| CUT | | |
| STUDY | | |
| JUMP | | |

Activity 4: Complete the sentences using the SIMPLE PAST form of the verb

The first cities(BE) centres of commerce in Greece and Italy.

During Middle Ages people(BUILD) fortresses to protect their towns.

The fortresses(PROTECT) the city and the rural inhabitants from their enemies.

Activity 5: Complete these sentences using the PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verb

Last night at 8, my sister(DO) homework.

Yesterday at midday I(EAT) my lunch, tomato salad and chicken.

Last Monday at 7PM the builders.....(FINISH) their work in the new building next to my house.

Activity 6: Complete with the correct form of the verb (Past simple or Past continuous)

My parents(MEET) when they(STUDY) at secondary school.

Last Monday Sam(WATCH) TV when Sarah(ARRIVE) home.

It(RAIN) when I(GO) home yesterday.

Luisa(WORK) as a nurse when Dave(COME) into the hospital for an operation.

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