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PAST SIMPLE

Form: we add "ed" to all regular verbs,
Irregular verbs must be learnt by heart.

We use the Past Simple for something in the past which is finished.

- He *played* tennis yesterday.
- The children *went* to the park this morning.

We use "did" to make questions and "didn't" for negatives. The verb stays in the base form.

- *Did* you see Bob yesterday?
- They *didn't* come to the party on Sunday.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Form: was/were + verb + ing

The Past Continuous means that at a time in the past we were in the middle of an action.

- *We were playing* tennis at 4 p.m. yesterday.
- *They were eating* when we arrived.

We use: wasn't/weren't + verb + ing for negatives:

- *John wasn't reading* a book when we arrived.

We use: was/were + subject + verb + ing for questions:

- *Was she making* dinner when you got home?

Complete the sentences. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. My sister _____ (go) to the cinema yesterday.
2. He _____ (not like) football, so he _____ (play) voleyball.
3. He _____ (break) the window when he _____ (be) 5.
4. My mum _____ (be) very angry because we _____ (come) home very late.
5. She _____ (told) me the problem with her mum and I _____ (help) her.
6. They _____ (not visit) the museum of the town, they _____ (prefer) going to the funfair.
7. _____ they _____ (visit) their grandparents yesterday?
8. Who _____ you (be) with when the accident happen?

Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1) I _____ (study) Science for my test.
- 2) He _____ (not do) his homework.
- 3) They _____ (not play) rugby because they think is boring.
- 4) _____ they _____ (listen) to music when you opened the door?
- 5) She _____ (go) to the cinema, but her friends didn't come.
- 6) That boy _____ (play) the violin very well. Maybe, he _____ (have) musical classes.
- 7) Jane, David and Polly _____ (watch) TV when the light turned off.

Complete the sentences with Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. Where _____ (he/go) when you _____ (see) him?
2. He _____ (phone) me to say they would be late.
3. She _____ (talk) to John on the phone when I _____ (walk) in.
4. _____ (she/know) they _____ (come) to the party?
5. How many people _____ (sit) in the waiting room when you _____ (arrive)?
6. I _____ (meet) them in the street while I _____ (shop).
7. The postman _____ (arrive) while I _____ (leave) the house.
8. The children _____ (make) so much noise that I _____ (not/hear) the phone ring.
9. We _____ (walk) down by the river when it _____ (start) to rain.
10. The storm _____ (start) while we _____ (drive) back from London.
11. They _____ (meet) while they _____ (work) in Paris.
12. What time _____ (she/arrive) last night?
13. He _____ (break) his foot while he _____ (play) football on Saturday.

Complete the sentences with Simple Past or Past Continuous

1. While I _____ (drive) a car, the police _____ (stop) me.
2. When you _____ (call) me, I _____ (watch) a film.
3. While you _____ (have) lunch, he _____ (came) to the house.
4. She _____ (clean) the house when Barbara _____ (faint).
5. They _____ (stop) while they _____ (travel).
6. When he _____ (see) Kate, she _____ (dance).
7. While Lori _____ (read), Steve _____ (watch) YouTube.
8. We _____ (sleep) when they _____ (break) into our house.