

PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

1 Circle the correct options.

- 1 I wasn't / weren't at school yesterday. It was a holiday.
- 2 We was / were happy at the party last night. It was fun.
- 3 You wasn't / weren't at home this morning.
- 4 How many people was / were at the cinema?
- 5 Was / Were your brother at the rugby match yesterday? It was a brilliant game.

2 Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

- 1 I _____ at the park yesterday afternoon. (+)
- 2 It _____ great classical music concert. (-)
- 3 My friends _____ happy at the barbecue. (+)
- 4 Daniela _____ at the pop gig yesterday. (-)
- 5 You _____ late for the tennis match. (+)

3 Match the beginnings and the endings of the sentences and questions.

- | | | |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Were | <u>C</u> | A happy with our test marks. |
| 2 Why | _____ | B the school lunch horrible? |
| 3 We were | _____ | C you nervous before the competition? |
| 4 It was | _____ | D wasn't Jackie at school yesterday? |
| 5 Was | _____ | E sunny in the park. |

4 Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.

- 1 weekend / last / were / Where / you
Where were you last weekend?
- 2 school / He / a / student / brilliant / was / at
_____.
- 3 wasn't / was / young / I / when / happy / I
_____.
- 4 was / yesterday / time / What / concert / the
_____.

5 were / party / the / There / lot / the / people / a / at / of
_____.

6 Circle the correct options.

- 1 I played ed rugby *in / on* Tuesday last week.
- 2 We were in Dublin *in / on* 10th December last year.
- 3 *In / On* 2010 my brother finished school.
- 4 My friends played football *in / on* 21st March.
- 5 My mum travelled to Egypt *in / on* 1998.
- 6 They played their first football match *in / on* April 2010.
- 7 I passed my music test *in / on* 22nd May.

7 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

- 1 I cleaned the house yesterday. (clean)
- 2 We _____ cleaning the floors before breakfast. (finish)
- 3 My sister _____ the test in ten minutes. (complete)
- 4 My friend _____ my exam! (copy)
- 5 Last summer my family _____ a holiday in the mountains. (prefer)
- 6 We _____ hockey on Saturday. (play)
- 7 We _____ my grandma for her birthday. (phone)

8 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 I / night / cooked / a / for / lovely / last / meal / friend / my
I cooked a lovely meal last night for my friend .
- 2 next / to / the / park / square / volleyball / played / in / We / the
_____.
- 3 enjoyed / friends / My / weekend / my / last / party
_____.
- 4 last / They / week / every / for / exam / the / studied / day / history
_____.
- 5 I / friend / my / last / home / Friday / but / phoned / he / wasn't / evening / at
_____.
- 6 painted / a / beautiful / mum / picture / My / dad / for / my
_____.

7 sister / teacher / test / in / the / and / My / the / angry / copied / was

8 Make the sentences negative.

1 He worked as an actor when he was young.

He didn't work as an actor when he was young.

2 We enjoyed doing work experience last weekend.

3 My parents travelled to the office by car on Monday.

4 Juan earned a lot of money working last summer.

5 The café opened at 9 am yesterday.

6 We watched the film last night on TV.

7 Aida served food to the customers in the hotel.

9 Make questions from the sentences.

1 You worked as a shop assistant when you were young.

Did you work as a shop assistant when you were young?

2 I liked working as a sports coach.

3 You phoned the police after the accident.

4 The customers didn't ask to see the boss.

5 I didn't answer the phone.

6 The mechanic didn't find any problems with my car.

7 You learned to cook at school.

10 Circle the correct options.

Joe: Hi, how are you? ¹ Did / Do you have a good weekend?

Petra: Yes, I did. I ² go / went to London.

Joe: What ³ did / didn't you do there?

Petra: I visited museums and walked in the parks.

Joe: Did you ⁴ stayed / stay in a hotel?

Petra: No, I ⁵ did / didn't. We stayed at my aunt's house.

Joe: I was in London last year but I worked every day.

Petra: Where did you ⁶ work / worked?

Joe: I was a shop assistant.

Petra: Did you have a good boss?

Joe: Yes, I ⁷ did / didn't. She was very nice.

11 Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in past.

- 1 We swam in the sea every day last summer. (swim)
- 2 I a wonderful meal last weekend. (eat)
- 3 I was tired so on the sofa all day. (lie)
- 4 My friends and I our bikes in the park last Saturday. (ride)
- 5 My brother water sports every week last summer. (do)
- 6 They up late on Sunday. (get)
- 7 My family an amazing holiday in Paris. (have)

12 Circle the correct options.

- 1 Where did you went / goes / go last night?
- 2 We didn't eat / ate / eats at home last Sunday. We went to a restaurant.
- 3 Do / Did / Does your family go to the beach last summer?
- 4 A: Did you have fun in New York?
B: Yes, I do / didn't / did.
- 5 My sister didn't ride / rode / rides a bike. She hates going cycling.
- 6 We didn't takes / took / take any photos on holiday.
- 7 A: Did you see anything interesting on TV last night?
B: No, I didn't / did / was.

13 Complete the sentences with was, wasn't, were or weren't to make the past continuous.

- 1 Last night I was reading in bed until late.
- 2 We _____ swimming yesterday on the island.
- 3 My dad _____ working. He was on holiday.
- 4 My sister _____ skiing because it was too hot.
- 5 It was sunny so my friends _____ playing football.
- 6 _____ you eating last night?

14 Complete the sentences with the words in the box in the correct form to make the past continuous.

do play ski swim watch wear

- 1 Were you playing football at 5 pm last Saturday? Yes, I was.
- 2 I usually study on Sunday but last Sunday I was _____ TV.
- 3 What were your friends _____ yesterday? I didn't see them anywhere on the island.
- 4 We were _____ last weekend on the mountain in the snow.
- 5 The party was excellent. I was _____ my red dress and everybody loved it.
- 6 The water was very cold. Juan wasn't _____.

15 Circle the correct option, A, B, C or D.

- 1 Last summer I hurt my leg when I was _____.
A run **B** runned **C** ran **D** running
- 2 My teachers _____ correcting our exams all day yesterday.
A were **B** was **C** to **D** to be
- 3 He wasn't swimming, he was _____ in the field!
A walking **B** to walk **C** walking **D** walk
- 4 Were you _____ mountains last weekend?
A climb **B** climbed **C** climbing **D** climbbing

- 5 They were eating and _all night at the party.
A dance **B** to dance **C** danced **D** dancing
- 6 We ___skiing yesterday because there was no snow.
A aren't **B** weren't **C** wasn't **D** is

16 Complete Hannah's email with the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

[Reply](#) [Forward](#)

Subject: _____

From: _____

To: _____

Date: _____

Hi Fabia,

I was busy every day last week. On Monday, we went to the mountains and we were ¹ climbing (climb) and then skiing all day. Tuesday was boring because I ² _____ (be) studying. On Friday, my parents had a surprise for me. We went to the city centre and I was ³ _____ (shop) with my mum for five hours. It was amazing. I ⁴ _____ (buy) gloves, scarves and boots for the winter but yesterday I was ⁵ _____ (wear) my swimsuit all day and I was ⁶ _____ (swim) in the river near my house. What ⁷ _____ you _____ (do) yesterday?

Hannah

17 Circle the correct options.

- 1 I fell asleep when I *studied* / *was studying*.
- 2 My friends were looking after a rabbit until their friend *returned* / *was returning* home.
- 3 The lion was sleeping when I *saw* / *was seeing* it at the zoo.
- 4 What *were you doing* / *did you do* when I phoned?
- 5 I *wasn't watching* / *didn't watch* the lion when it woke up.

- 6 The penguins were eating / ate and the dolphins were jumping when we arrived.
- 7 The teacher was picking up / picked up a pen while the students were doing their exam.

18 Circle the correct option, A or B.

- 1 I was feeding my rabbit when my phone
A rang. **B** was ringing.
- 2 What was the baby doing when his mum ____
A come in? **B** came in?
- 3 We were surprised when we saw everyone ____
A was sitting in silence. **B** sat in silence.
- 4 Juan didn't say anything when he saw his friend ____
A left. **B** was leaving.
- 5 My best friend was crying because ____
A were breaking her phone. **B** her sister broke her phone.
- 6 When the teacher came in, the students ____
A weren't working. **B** weren't work.
- 7 The girl fell and hurt her leg when she ____
A ran after the chicken. **B** was running after the chicken.

19 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple or past continuous.

- 1 The teacher arrived while we were copying (copy) our homework.
- 2 The dog _____ (run) around the park when it saw the cat.
- 3 My baby brother was crying all morning until we _____ (turn on) the TV.
- 4 While Susan _____ (study), her phone rang.
- 5 Somebody _____ (pick up) my phone while I wasn't looking.
- 6 What other animals did you see when the lions _____ (sleep)?
- 7 The children cried a lot while we _____ (look after) them.

20 Complete Robbie's short story with the words in the box.

~~had~~ started tried was playing was running was talking was
was shouting

Last summer I ¹ had a very strange experience. I ² _____ ball in the park when suddenly it became very dark. I couldn't see anything. While I was afraid, I started to run to the entrance. I ³ _____ when I heard a scream. I stopped and was looking for help when something caught my leg. It was a little dog. It was biting me and I ⁴ _____ "stop" when a little girl came from behind a tree. "Don't worry," she said, "It is only playing." I ⁵ _____ to cry and the dog stopped biting me. "Talk to it," she said. I wasn't sure but I touched the dog on its head and it ⁶ _____ to lick me. Suddenly, it was bright again. I looked around but there was nobody. "Where are you?" I said but the dog and the girl were not there. I ⁷ _____ to myself! I woke up in my bedroom. It was just a dream.