

## Past simple

- ➔ an action that happened at a definite time in the past  
Last year we bought a dog.
- ➔ actions that happened immediately one after the other in the past  
Lou took a shower, brushed his teeth and went to bed.



## Past Perfect

- an action that happened before another action in the past  
Before we left, we had booked a hotel room.
- complete past action that had visible results in the past  
We felt relieved after they had arrived safely.



## Past continuous

- ➔ an action that was in progress at a stated time in the past  
Yesterday at 7 I was talking to Meg on the phone.
- ➔ two actions that were happening at the same time  
Liz was vacuuming while her sons were tidying their room.
- ➔ an action that was in progress (longer action) when another action interrupted it  
When I came in, Sue was reading.



## Past perfect continuous

- an action continuing over a period up to a specific time in the past  
Pete had been working as a doctor for 25 years before he retired last year.
- action of certain duration that had visible results in the past  
Mark had been studying Spanish for five years before he moved to Toledo.



**Past Simple**

Finished Action in the Past  
I went there last week.

**Past Perfect (Simple)**

Repeated actions  
In longer periods of  
time.me

**TENSES****Past or Present Perfect Tense – Simple form**

1. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) awful in the past few days.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**wash**) the dishes all week. They \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**your course, start**) yet?
4. Emma \_\_\_\_\_ (**pack**) her suitcase last night.
5. A: They \_\_\_\_\_ (**close**) the factory a month ago.  
B: Really? When \_\_\_\_\_ (**that happen**) ?
6. Shall we play tennis? We \_\_\_\_\_ (**not play**) since we were children.
7. The airplane \_\_\_\_\_ (**land**) . The pilot \_\_\_\_\_ . (just /get out )
8. Prices \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) up. Everything is more expensive this year.
9. I'm tired. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**walk**) 10 miles.
10. The Queen \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) in an RAF helicopter last night.

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Finished Action in the Past

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Action that started in the past for a longer period of time. (use to report an event)  
We were playing video games all afternoon



Past Tense – Simple or Progressive: Fill in the correct form.

1. George \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder while he \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling. (fall, paint)
2. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ in bed when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ a scream. (read, hear)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ TV when I \_\_\_\_\_ you? (you watch, phone)
4. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ for me when I \_\_\_\_\_. (wait, arrive)
5. Maisie \_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen when John \_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him. (clean, ask)
6. The house \_\_\_\_\_ £ 150,000 in 2003. (cost)
7. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ at six in the morning. (still burn)
8. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a new job a week ago (get).
9. Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ America over 500 years ago (discover)
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ not interested in the book because she \_\_\_\_\_ it (be ,not understand)



Complete the conversations with positive and negative forms of the past perfect continuous.

A - Sam, how long ..... the laptop before it started working? (you | repair)

B - The laptop? It took me five hours to repair it.

A - I was so tired at the end of the hike!

B - But ..... so much. (we | not walk)

A - Why was your shirt full of stains?

B - ..... my car. (I | clean)

A - You looked so exhausted.

B - Really? But ..... so hard. (I | not work)

A - Why did Sarah get sunburnt?

B - Because ..... on the beach all day. (she | lie) Mr. Clark, why were you so annoyed?

B - Because ..... to my arguments at all. (they | not listen)

- ..... for a long time when you saw the doctor? (you | cough)

Not really. For two or three days.

A Miss Jones, how long ..... French when you moved to France? (you | learn)

B To tell the truth I'd never learned French before that.

# WHAT DO WE USE ?

To report something that happened a few minutes ago using “just” we use:

\_\_\_\_\_

To report to refer to actions that were completed already we use

\_\_\_\_\_

To show the order of two past events or to describe an earlier action and the past we use: \_\_\_\_\_

To indicate that something began in the past, continued in the past, and also ended at a defined point in the past we se \_\_\_\_\_

To describe actions that began in the past and often continued for a short period of time after the action started we use:

\_\_\_\_\_

To report something that is finished “already” or hasn’t been finished using “yet” we use:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Past Perfect Continuous

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Simple Past

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Unscramble the words to form a sentence.

put plaster that took weeks The on off had before. the he six doctor

2

weeks Fiona Two ago leg. broke her

3

so any didn't far. He lose games

4

been doctor waiting for Smith for has four Mr. hours. the

5

a brought waiter we The didn't order drink

What tense was used on the first sentence or sentences on the previous exercise ?

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