

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.



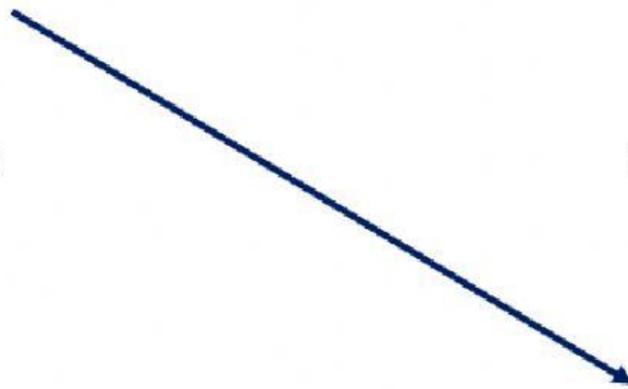
1. Match the past form of the verbs. Follow the example.

INFINITIVE

BEGIN
CRY
DANCE
DRINK
FIND
VISIT
HAVE
WALK
GO
PLAY

PAST FORM

PLAYED
HAD
VISITED
DANCED
WENT
BEGAN
CRIED
DRANK
FOUND
WALKED



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2. choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

a. I _____ (buy) a lollipop.
buy bought **buyed**

b. You _____ (see) the butterfly.
saw **seed** see

c. She _____ (know) the answer of the question.
know knowed **knew**

d. They _____ (visit) the museum.
visit visited **visited**

e. Camila and Robert _____ (walk) around the city.
walked walk **walkked**

3. Match the sentences with the question form.

a. Martin lived in Brazil.	___ Did we buy the car?
b. We bought the car.	___ Did Tomas find the keys?
c. Lucy watched TV.	___ Did Freddy jump high?
d. Tomas found the keys.	___ Did Peter go to the pool?
e. Freddy jumped high.	a Did Martin live in Brazil?
f. Peter went to the pool.	___ Did Lucy watch TV?

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4. Match the picture and the past progressive sentences

1.



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.

We were eating pizza.

He was drinking orange juice.

They were walking to school.

She was washing the dishes.

John was reading a book in the afternoon.

They were studying in the morning.

The children were playing in the park.

I was watching tv with my friends.

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5. Complete the sentences with the correct form – ing verb

Watch

Run

Drive

Cook

Read

~~Wash~~

Do

Study

Dance

Clean

- A. We were WASHING the dishes.
- B. I was _____ TV.
- C. She was _____ in the park.
- D. They were _____ for the exam.
- E. You were _____ the house.
- F. He was _____ a lasagna.
- G. We were _____ a book.
- H. You were _____ a car.
- I. I was _____ bachata.
- J. They were _____ the homework.