

GRAMMAR Past tense review – simple past and past continuous

1 Write sentences with the simple past.

- Larry / get / home late last night
Larry got home late last night.
- We / not go / to the concert

- I / send / Jen three text messages

- They / ride / their skateboards to school

- You / not call / last night

- Sandra / wear / jeans to school

- I / not be / at school yesterday

- My cousin / arrive / from Argentina last night

2 Complete the sentences with the past continuous forms of the verbs.

- Laura was studying (study) during the blizzard.
- Vic and Dan _____ (ride) the bus together.
- We _____ (not walk) outside when it started to hail.
- I _____ (not wear) a coat when it got cold.
- You _____ (shop) when I called you.
- Frank _____ (wear) a helmet when he fell off his bike.

3 Complete the sentences with the simple past or past continuous forms of the verbs.

- I didn't watch (not watch) the news last night. I was too busy!
- Torrey _____ (see) the tornado before it hit the town.
- I put on a hat, but the wind _____ (blow) it off my head.

- Jess _____ (not wear) a raincoat when the rain came, so she got really wet.
- Sam _____ (listen) to the radio when he heard the weather report.
- Reggie _____ (not be) afraid of storms until he experienced high winds.

4 Correct the sentences and questions.

- used*
- Marcos ~~use~~ to play in the snow.
 - We ~~use~~ drive to California every summer.
 - Rita ~~not use~~ to take the bus to school.
 - Did you ~~used~~ to camp in the mountains?
 - I ~~used~~ to bought new clothes at the mall.
 - Jack and Paul ~~use~~ to watch TV on Saturday mornings.

5 Complete the text with the simple past, past continuous, or used to.

On the Edge

Tonya Harris lives on the edge – on the edge of a mountain! One time, she and her younger brother

¹ were playing (play) soccer outside when her brother ² _____

(kick) the ball off the mountain. He

³ _____ (chase) the ball when Tonya

⁴ _____ (scream). She ⁵ _____

(stop) him from going over the edge of the mountain. Now that

her brother is older, she doesn't worry about him, but she

⁶ _____ (worry) about him all the time!

Tonya's school is at the bottom of the mountain. When she

was young, she ⁷ _____ (take) the bus to

school, but now she rides her bike. Yesterday, she

⁸ _____ (ride) her bike when she

⁹ _____ (fall). She ¹⁰ _____

(break) her arm. Her parents ¹¹ _____ (drive)

to work when they ¹² _____ (see) her. They

¹³ _____ (take) her to the doctor right away.

Tonya ¹⁴ _____ (not go) to school yesterday.

This morning, Tonya ¹⁵ _____ (go) back to

school. While her friends ¹⁶ _____ (wait) for

class to start, they ¹⁷ _____ (write) their names

on her cast. Tonya likes her life on the edge of the mountain, but she's going to be more careful!



