

GRAMMAR Past tense review – simple past and past continuous

1 Write sentences with the simple past.

1. Larry / get / home late last night

Larry got home late last night.

2. We / not go / to the concert

3. I / send / Jen three text messages

4. They / ride / their skateboards to school

5. You / not call / last night

6. Sandra / wear / jeans to school

7. I / not be / at school yesterday

8. My cousin / arrive / from Argentina last night

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

1. Laura was studying (study) during the blizzard.

2. Vic and Dan were riding (ride) the bus together.

3. We were not walking (not walk) outside when it started to rain.

4. I were not wearing (not wear) a coat when it got cold.

5. You were not shopping (shop) when I called you.

6. Frank were not wearing (wear) a helmet when he fell off his bike.

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

1. I didn't watch (not watch) the news last night. I was too busy!

2. Torrey saw (see) the tornado before it hit the town.

3. I put on a hat, but the wind blew (blow) it off my head.

4. Jess was not wearing (not wear) a raincoat when the rain came, so she got really wet.

5. Sam was listening (listen) to the radio when he heard the weather report.

6. Reggie was not afraid (not be) afraid of storms until he experienced high winds.

4 Correct the sentences and questions.

used

1. Marcos use to play in the snow.

2. We use drive to California every summer.

3. Rita not used to take the bus to school.

4. Did you used to camp in the mountains?

5. I used to bought new clothes at the mall.

6. 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 were chasing (chase) the ball when Tonya

⁴ were screaming (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 worries (worry) about him all the time!

Tonya's school is at the bottom of the mountain. When she was young, she ⁷ were taking (take) the bus to school, but now she rides her bike. Yesterday, she

⁸ were riding (ride) her bike when she

⁹ were falling (fall). She ¹⁰

(break) her arm. Her parents ¹¹ were driving (drive)

to work when they ¹² were seeing (see) her. They

¹³ were taking (take) her to the doctor right away.

Tonya ¹⁴ were not going (not go) to school yesterday.

This morning, Tonya ¹⁵ were going (go) back to school. While her friends ¹⁶ were waiting (wait) for

class to start, they ¹⁷ were writing (write) their names on her cast. Tonya likes her life on the edge of the mountain, but she's going to be more careful!

