

PAST SIMPLE VS PAST SIMPLE CONTINUOUS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use past simple to narrate events in a story in the past The auxiliary verb for negative and questions is DID. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use the past simple continuous to describe situations in a story The auxiliary verb for negative and interrogative sentence is the verb TO BE in past form - WAS/WERE
Examples	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You went to Japan last year Did you go to Japan last year? You didn't go to Japan last year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He was waiting for a bus at the airport Was he waiting for a bus at the airport? He wasn't waiting for a bus at the airport.

PAST SIMPLE STRUCTURE

AFFIRMATIVE

Subject + past TO BE + verb -ing + object

I was playing tennis yesterday

He/she/it was playing tennis

We/you/they were playing tennis

NEGATIVE

Subject + past TO BE + not + verb -ing + object

I was not playing tennis yesterday

He/she/it was not playing tennis.

We/you/they were not playing tennis

INTERROGATIVE

Past TO BE + Subject + verb -ing + object?

Was I playing tennis yesterday?

Was he/she/it playing tennis?

Were we/you/they playing tennis yesterday?

EX1: Complete the sentences using the past simple (to narrate the events in a story) or the past continuous (to describe the situation in a story) of the verbs in brackets

1. Adam _____ (swim) at the local swimming pool yesterday. He _____ (wear) some goggles to protect his eyes. After half an hour he _____ (feel) tired, so he _____ (decide) to stop and have some rest. He _____ (get) out of the pool and _____ (dry) himself with a towel.
2. Barry _____ (practise) some jumps on his skateboard last Friday. He _____ (wear) a helmet, elbow and knee protections, in case he _____ (fall) down.
3. Carol _____ (walk) her dog that morning. The wind _____ (blow) rather hard that day, so she _____ (wear) a hairband to keep her hair out of her face.
4. Diana _____ (listen) to the radio last Sunday morning while she _____ (have) breakfast. Then she _____ (hear) a song that she _____ (like), so she _____ (decide) to learn to play it. When she _____ (finish) breakfast, she _____ (go) to the park, _____ (sit) on a bench and _____ (start) practising.
5. Ethan _____ (sit) on the steps last Monday. He _____ (listen) to his favourite band on his headphones when the batteries _____ (run) out.
6. Fiona _____ (want) to take her baby out for a little fresh air yesterday, so she _____ (put) him in his pram and they _____ (go) to the park.
7. George _____ (ride) her bike along the street last week. Suddenly, a car _____ (jump) a red light and nearly _____ (hit) her.
8. Helen _____ (sit) quietly at home last night. She _____ (watch) a film on TV. She _____ (wear) her pyjamas.