

PAST SIMPLE

We use it to talk about actions in story finished time period events.

	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
<i>I</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did I study</i> French?
<i>You</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did you study</i> French?
<i>He</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did he study</i> French?
<i>She</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did she study</i> French?
<i>It</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did it study</i> French?
<i>We</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did we study</i> French?
<i>They</i>	<i>studied</i> French	<i>did not study</i> French	<i>Did they study</i> French?

PAST CONTINUOUS

We use it to talk about overlapping actions and to give emphasis to the extension of an event.

	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
<i>I</i>	<i>was studying</i> French.	<i>was not studying</i> French.	<i>Was I studying</i> French?
<i>You</i>	<i>were studying</i> French.	<i>were not studying</i> French.	<i>Were you studying</i> French?
<i>He</i>	<i>was studying</i> French.	<i>was not studying</i> French.	<i>Was he studying</i> French?
<i>She</i>	<i>was studying</i> French.	<i>was not studying</i> French.	<i>Was she studying</i> French?
<i>It</i>	<i>was studying</i> French.	<i>was not studying</i> French.	<i>Was it studying</i> French?
<i>We</i>	<i>were studying</i> French.	<i>were not studying</i> French.	<i>Were we studying</i> French?
<i>They</i>	<i>were studying</i> French.	<i>were not studying</i> French.	<i>Were they studying</i> French?

Geralmente, uma ação inicial (past simple) é interrompida por outra ação (past continuous). Nestes casos, a ação no past simple é introduzida pela question word when.

I **was running** when I **found** an abandoned kitten.

Fill the blanks with the correct forms of Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I _____ (sit) in a coffee when you _____ (call).
2. When you _____ (arrive) at the party, who _____ (be) there?
3. Susie _____ (watch) a movie when she _____ (hear) the noise.
4. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____ (have) a swim.
5. We _____ (play) tennis when John _____ (hurt) his ankle.
6. What _____ (they/ do) at 10pm last night – it was really noise?
7. He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
8. When I _____ (walk) into the room, everyone _____ (work).
9. It _____ (be) a day last September. The sun _____ (shine).
10. He _____ (live) in Russia when the Revolution _____ (start).