

GRAMMAR V

SIMPLE PAST vs PAST PROGRESSIVE

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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.



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Past Tense – Simple or progressive

1. It _____ (rain) when we _____ (come) out of the shopping centre.
2. It _____ (happen) very quickly. The car _____ (come) out of the side road and then the van _____ (drive) into the back of it.
3. I _____ (be) ill last week.
4. He _____ (break) his leg when he _____ (ski).
5. I _____ (look) out of the window and saw that people _____ (walk) in the park.
6. Emma _____ (pass) her exam a few weeks ago.
7. When we _____ (see) the spaceship we _____ (stop) the car.
8. When _____ (you buy) the car? – I _____ (buy) it a few years ago.
9. He _____ (sit) in the garden when a wasp _____ (sting) him in the nose.
10. Claire _____ (go) to Egypt last month.