

## ← Past simple and Past continuous.

1. Read the following statements and say if they are true or false.

- The past simple is used to express unfinished actions in the past.  
TRUE FALSE
- In the past continuous tense, we must conjugate the verb to be.  
TRUE FALSE
- The past continuous expresses finished actions in the past.  
TRUE FALSE
- The past simple tense expresses the negative and the interrogative with the auxiliary did.  
TRUE FALSE
- The past continuous tense is formed by the auxiliary verb be + the infinitive.  
TRUE FALSE

2. Complete the following sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- I (reply) to your email last week.
- What time (she/arrive).
- Mr. Jones (get) home later than expected.
- They (not work) yesterday because it was a bank holiday.
- The dog (not like) the food, so we (buy) new food.
- (you/write) to the client?
- The doctor (tell) him to come in a few minutes ago.
- Pam (wait) until her son (fall) asleep.

3. Complete the following sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- She (attend) the conference all day yesterday.
- Your employees (wait) for you this morning.
- My boss (not expect) anything from today's meeting.
- Where (you/work) last year?



- e. Joana (not celebrate) her birthday yesterday.
- f. I told you, but you (not listen).
- g. (anyone/use) the lift?

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the appropriate verbs - past simple and continuous.

- a. I (wait) in the queue when it (start) to rain.
- b. Last night, I (arrive) home and (get) into bed.
- c. What (you/do) when I (call)?
- d. While he (speak) about the budget, I (go) to the toilet.
- e. When I last (meet) Cornelia, she (wear) a beautiful purple dress.

5. Fill in the blanks. Some verbs can be in their negative or question forms.

I (go) to work yesterday because I (have) a problem with my car.  
I (drive) on the highway when I (hear) a strange noise in the engine, but I (pay) attention. When I (arrive) in the city, I (realise) that some smoke (come) out of the engine, so I immediately (leave) the car in the middle of the street. People (watch), but nobody (do) anything to help.

**EXTRA ACTIVITIES.** Click [here](#) and [here](#) to find more Past Simple and Continuous activities.