



BACK

Past simple and Past continuous.

1. Read the following statements and say if they are true or false.
 - a. The past simple is used to express unfinished actions in the past.
TRUE FALSE
 - b. In the past continuous tense, we must conjugate the verb to be.
TRUE FALSE
 - c. The past continuous expresses finished actions in the past.
TRUE FALSE
 - d. The past simple tense expresses the negative and the interrogative with the auxiliary did.
TRUE FALSE
 - e. 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.
 - a. I (reply) to your email last week.
 - b. What time (she/arrive).
 - c. Mr. Jones (get) home later than expected.
 - d. They (not work) yesterday because it was a bank holiday.
 - e. The dog (not like) the food, so we (buy) new food.
 - f. (you/write) to the client?
 - g. The doctor (tell) him to come in a few minutes ago.
 - h. Pam (wait) until her son (fall) asleep.
3. Complete the following sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.
 - a. She (attend) the conference all day yesterday.
 - b. Your employees (wait) for you this morning.
 - c. My boss (not expect) anything from today's meeting.
 - d. 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.

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