

## Past Simple and Past Continuous

**Past Simple** (Aux: + DID + Verb INF)

FORM:

Verb (Past) = 2<sup>nd</sup> column (irregular)  
Verb -ED (regular)

- + Subject + Verb (Past)
- Subject + DID NOT + V (INF)
- ? DID + subject + V (INF)

USE: to talk about finished things in a finished past time.

KEYWORDS: Yesterday, last night, in 2012, three weeks ago, ...

**Past Continuous** (Aux: + WAS/WERE)

FORM:

- + I, he, she, it + WAS + Verb (-ING)
- you, we, they + WERE + Verb (-ING)
- I, he, she, it + WAS NOT + Verb (-ING)
- you, we, they + WERE NOT + Verb (-ING)
- ? WAS + I, he, she, it + Verb (-ING)
- WERE + you, we, they + Verb (-ING)

USE: to talk about things related to a past time.

KEYWORDS: when+past simple, at 10pm, in those days, while, ...

### ACTIVITY 1:

Complete the sentences with the correct PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets. Example: It was (be) cold yesterday.

- The exam \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) very difficult.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (be) they tired when they \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Susan's birthday party?
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) here when I \_\_\_\_\_ (come).
- What \_\_\_\_\_ (be) that noise?
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) on time.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the library when I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ (not study) this last year?

### PAST of Irregular Verbs:

BECOME

FALL

FEEL

THINK

HEAR

### ACTIVITY 2:

Complete the sentences with the right form of the PAST CONTINUOUS of the verbs in brackets: Example: Were you watching (watch) the football match when I phoned?

- The teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) when I arrived at school.
- While Chris and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (travel), we \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the party for their arrival.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) videogames yesterday at 7:00, they \_\_\_\_\_ (help) with the dinner.
- Yesterday, I heard a strange noise while I \_\_\_\_\_ (put on) my pyjamas.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (write) notes in class, when the Headmaster came in.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) last Tuesday at 11pm?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) yesterday at 1 o'clock?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Blue \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee at the library?
- When you arrived at the party, \_\_\_\_\_ John and Anne \_\_\_\_\_ (sing)?