

# Past Simple



We use **Past Simple** to express:

- an action that happened at a definite time in the past
- actions that happened immediately one after the other in the past

1 Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple form of the verbs below.

1. James \_\_\_\_\_ to earn some extra money last summer, so he \_\_\_\_\_ part-time at his mother's restaurant.
2. Mary and Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ their wedding anniversary in grand style. They \_\_\_\_\_ more than a hundred guests.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ the morning bus to Bournemouth and we \_\_\_\_\_ the whole day at the beach.
4. Suzie \_\_\_\_\_ a note for her mother, \_\_\_\_\_ on her coat and \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
5. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (your father) squash with last weekend?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ very busy last night. I'm sorry but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not) phone you.
7. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you/not) that black strapless dress at the party?
8. Alex \_\_\_\_\_ his homework at the lunch break.
9. Paul and I \_\_\_\_\_ at the cybercafé yesterday afternoon.
10. Helen \_\_\_\_\_ through the peephole but \_\_\_\_\_ nobody.

# Past Continuous



We use **Past Continuous** to express:

- an action that was in progress at a stated time in the past
- two actions that were happening at the same time
- an action that was in progress (longer action) when another action interrupted it

sit watch make wash  
set walk prepare talk  
do have work  
just sleep build shine

2 Fill in the blanks with the Past Continuous form of the verbs above.

1. Lucy broke the glass figurine while she \_\_\_\_\_ the sitting room.
2. My little brother \_\_\_\_\_ a tower with his favourite blocks while I \_\_\_\_\_ on my science project.
3. Tracy and I \_\_\_\_\_ at the table and \_\_\_\_\_ to Pete when Jack came in.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they) this time last Sunday? They \_\_\_\_\_ a comedy they hired from the video club.
5. At 6 yesterday morning I \_\_\_\_\_ (not) my dog. I \_\_\_\_\_ soundly in my bed.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/not) the car when it started to rain?
7. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ a break when the headmaster announced the winner of the Spelling Bee Contest.
8. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ spaghetti while I \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
9. Rick \_\_\_\_\_ a model of a big wheel for the technology project.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (the sun) when you went on an excursion to Brighton last week?

work can see celebrate  
lock meet leave put  
play want look invite do  
spend take be wear