

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.

- James _____ to earn some extra money last summer, so he _____ part-time at his mother's restaurant.
- Mary and Kevin _____ their wedding anniversary in grand style. They _____ more than a hundred guests.
- We _____ the morning bus to Bournemouth and we _____ the whole day at the beach.
- Suzie _____ a note for her mother, _____ on her coat and _____ the door.
- Who _____ (your father) squash with last weekend?
- I _____ very busy last night. I'm sorry but I _____ (not) phone you.
- Why _____ (you/not) that black strapless dress at the party?
- Alex _____ his homework at the lunch break.
- Paul and I _____ at the cybercafé yesterday afternoon.
- 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**
dust **sleep** **build** **shine**

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

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