

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
dust 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