

PAST SIMPLE

Form: we add "ed" to all regular verbs,
Irregular verbs must be learnt by heart.

We use the Past Simple for something in the past which is finished.

- He **played** tennis yesterday.
- The children **went** to the park this morning.

We use "did" to make questions and "didn't" for negatives. The verb stays in the base form.

- **Did** you see Bob yesterday?
- They **didn't** come to the party on Sunday.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Form: **was/were + verb + ing**

The Past Continuous means that at a time in the past we were in the middle of an action.

- We **were playing** tennis at 4 p.m. yesterday.
- They **were eating** when we arrived.

We use: **wasn't/weren't + verb + ing** for negatives:

- John **wasn't reading** a book when we arrived.

We use: **was/were + subject + verb + ing** for questions:

- **Was she making** dinner when you got home?

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs

1. He _____ (wait) for half an hour before they _____ (arrive).
2. Where _____ (he/go) when you _____ (see) him?
3. He _____ (phone) me to say they would be late.
4. She _____ (talk) to John on the phone when I _____ (walk) in.
5. _____ (she/know) they _____ (come) to the party?
6. How many people _____ (sit) in the waiting room when you _____ (arrive)?
7. I _____ (meet) them in the street while I _____ (shop).
8. The postman _____ (arrive) while I _____ (leave) the house.
9. The children _____ (make) so much noise that I _____ (not/hear) the phone ring.
10. We _____ (walk) down by the river when it _____ (start) to rain.
11. The storm _____ (start) while we _____ (drive) back from London.
12. They _____ (meet) when they _____ (work) in Paris.
13. What time _____ (she/arrive) last night?
14. He _____ (break) his foot while he _____ (play) football on Saturday.
15. I _____ (not/like) to disturb her because she _____ (study).
16. I _____ (cut) my finger while I _____ (chop) vegetables.
17. The plane _____ (leave) over an hour late.
18. I _____ (drive) fast when I was flashed by the speed camera.
19. What _____ (you/do) at 8 p.m. yesterday?
20. My parents _____ (go) to several concerts while they _____ (stay) in Paris.