

Past Simple and Past Continuous



In 2005, three young men, Chad Hurley, Steve Chan and Jawed Karim (establish) the website 'YouTube.' The men (meet) while they (work) at another Internet company. They (share) ideas about the Internet when they (realise) that it was not easy to post and share video clips on the Internet. So, the men (decide) to create a website to do exactly that. In February 2005, they (register) youtube.com and (go) online. YouTube (become) an instant success as it was user-friendly with a modern design.

Everyday, while more and more people (upload) videos to the site, even more people (watch) the videos. After only a few months online, YouTube videos (attract) more than 130 million viewers. In 2006, the three founders of YouTube (sell) their company to Google for 1.65 billion US dollars! YouTube is the third most visited website on the Internet after Google and Facebook!

Complete with past simple or continuous

1. When it (stop) raining, we (go out) and (put) the kayak in the water.
2. While I (wait) at the bus stop, I (see) an accident.
3. Suddenly, the man (take) the purse from the woman's handbag and (run off).
4. At 5 p.m. yesterday, I (read) a book about Captain Cook and my sister (watch) a film about the explorer Robert Falcon Scott.
5. I (relax) in the sun when a cloud (appear) in the sky.
6. When the sailor (open) the box, he (find) an old map inside.
7. While everyone (argue), I (realise) it was a good time to go.
8. As I (leave) the party, I finally (remember) the man's name.
9. The man (wear) a raincoat and (carry) a big suitcase.
10. The girl (run) through the forest when she (slip) over.
11. The boy (sit) on a bench in the park while he (read) a book.
12. The policeman (notice) the blood on the floor when he first (enter) the room.
13. I (see) the money on the ground as I (walk) to school.

Select the right answer

1. Jack fell asleep he was watching a film.
2. We went out the rain stopped.
3. Ann was driving the accident happened.
4. I was walking, I remembered it was mum's birthday!
5. They were listening to the radio they were making breakfast.
6. Paul bought a ticket he got to the station.
7. I heard the doorbell, I went to the door.
8. we were standing outside the cinema, someone picked my pocket.
9. They lived in Germany they were young.
10. we were walking home, we saw a signpost for a town called Hell.

My cousin Jake went to Australia last year. He was staying in Melbourne when / while he decided to go to Lake Eyre in the Australian Outback. He was driving through the outback when / as he saw a sign for William Creek, the smallest town in Australia.

When / While he got to the town, he saw a petrol station, a car park and a hotel. There was even a small museum. The hotel was open, so he had something to eat.

He was talking to some local people when / while he was having his lunch. They were telling him stories about the outback when / while they heard a strange noise.

As / When they were looking under the table, something crawled out of Jake's bag. It was a scorpion!



Captain Cook

The British explorer James Cook (be) born in the village of Marton, Yorkshire, on 27 October, 1728. But his family soon (move) to another village, where Cook (spend) most of his childhood.

As a teenager James Cook (develop) a fascination for the sea and (travel) to Whitby where he (find) employment on a coal ship.

While he (serve) in the Royal Navy during the Seven Years' War, Cook (have) the command of a ship.

In 1769, while he (sail) across the south Pacific Ocean, the famous British explorer Captain James Cook, (open) a secret letter from the British government and (read) the instructions. The letter told him to find the unexplored continent of *Terra Australis*.

When Cook (reach) the islands of what is now New Zealand, he (make) the first good maps of the coast.

Then, in April 1770, he (sail) west to the south-east coast of Australia. As his (travel) along the coast, Cook (give) names to the strange, new places.

One day, when his men (get) off the ship at a beautiful bay, they (find) a lot of interesting animals and plants, so Cook (call) the place Botany Bay. And while (repair) the ship near a river, Cook (name) the river after his ship, the Endeavour. Today, the Endeavour river reaches the Australian coast at a town called Cooktown, which is named after the explorer himself.

His last voyage for the Royal Society (take) him to the west coast of North America where he (try) to find a passage between the Atlantic and Pacific.

While he and his crew (rest) in Hawaii, some Hawaiians (steal) one of his boats. When cook and his men (try) to get the boat back from the natives, a violent fight (break out) in which the natives (stab) James Cook to death.

His crew (bury) the remains of Cook's body in Kealakekua Bay on 22nd February 1779.

