

Past simple and past continuous

1 Write the past simple form of these regular and irregular verbs.

1 cry _____
2 travel _____
3 send _____
4 enjoy _____
5 stop _____
6 break _____
7 fall _____

8 chat _____
9 happen _____
10 say _____
11 know _____
12 try _____
13 cut _____
14 turn _____

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

1 Last summer, my friend and I _____ around the south of France. We really _____ ourselves.
2 _____ you _____ at the end of the film? I thought it was really sad.
3 Sarah is very angry. What _____ you _____ to her? You _____ to her yesterday.
4 I _____ my grandmother an email yesterday with a photo but she _____ (not) how to open the attachment!
5 My mobile phone _____ on the floor but the screen _____ (not). That was lucky!
6 I didn't see the accident. It all _____ very quickly.
7 My PC was making a strange noise so I _____ using it and _____ it off.
8 We _____ to open the box with a knife but my dad _____ himself. There was blood everywhere!

3 Write questions with the past simple.

1 When / you / buy / that tablet /?
2 How much / your new computer / cost /?
3 What / you / do / after school yesterday /?
4 Why / you / not / call me last night /?
5 Where / Dad / save / the photos / on the computer /?
6 Which files / you / delete /?
7 How many copies / Gary / print / yesterday /?
8 Which company / Steve Jobs / help to start /?

4 Write the -ing form of the verbs.

1 attach _____
2 tie _____
3 run _____
4 save _____
5 give _____
6 get _____
7 delete _____

8 change _____
9 upload _____
10 think _____
11 win _____
12 spot _____
13 serve _____
14 realise _____

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
2. Joe and Sam _____ (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
3. Who was that guy you _____ (dance) with at the party?
4. Paula _____ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
5. In 1999 my father _____ (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
6. He _____ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
7. This time last week, we _____ (visit) my grandmother.
8. I _____ (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
9. Andrew _____ (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
10. I _____ (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

6 Choose the correct options.

1. I *listened* / *was listening* to the radio when I *heard* / *was hearing* this fantastic song.
2. When the teacher *said* / *was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried* / *was still trying* to finish the last question.
3. I feel really silly! While I *danced* / *was dancing*, I *fell* / *was falling* and *broke* / *was breaking* my elbow.
4. Tim *played* / *was playing* a computer game when his mum *called* / *was calling* him for lunch.
5. I *looked* / *was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed* / *was noticing* there was a virus.
6. Ron *found* / *was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surfed* / *was surfing* the internet.
7. My mum *had* / *was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled* / *was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
8. When you *saw* / *were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go* / *wasn't going* to school, I *went* / *was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
9. How many pictures *did you take* / *were you taking* while you *travelled* / *were travelling* around Ireland?
10. Why *did you chat* / *were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried* / *was trying* to tell you something really important?

7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
2. My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
3. We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
4. My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
5. My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
6. While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
7. When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
8. When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
9. I _____ (try) to log on when the WiFi _____ (stop) working.
10. While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.

8 Complete the story with the correct past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, when I ¹ _____ (try) to do my English homework on my laptop, the battery ² _____ (run out), I ³ _____ (lie) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I ⁴ _____ also ⁵ _____ (chat) to my friend Daniel on Facebook. OK, so I ⁶ _____ (not concentrate) very hard on my homework and I ⁷ _____ (forget) to plug in my laptop! I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen ⁸ _____ (go) black. I ⁹ _____ (lose) everything. I ¹⁰ _____ (scream) in frustration. My dad ¹¹ _____ (come) running into my bedroom. I ¹² _____ almost ¹³ _____ (cry) so he ¹⁴ _____ (give) me his laptop. I ¹⁵ _____ (try) to remember everything in my essay – it ¹⁶ _____ (be) quite difficult especially because Daniel was sending me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I was watching one, the WiFi stopped working. In the end it was probably better because I ¹⁷ _____ (manage) to finish the essay.