

# Grammar

## Past Simple

**A** Read the sentences below. Which sentence has a regular verb in the Past Simple?

- 1 Natalie went to the shops, bought a pizza and took it home.
- 2 I cooked fish last week.
- 3 James had croissants for breakfast every day when he was in France.

**B** Match each sentence in A with one use of the Past Simple below.

- a past routines and habits
- b actions which happened one after the other in the past
- c actions or situations which started and finished in the past

## Past Continuous

**C** Read the sentences below. How do we form the Past continuous?

- 1 Jennifer **was watching** TV while her mum **was cooking** dinner.
- 2 It **was raining**, the wind **was blowing** and we **were shaking** from the cold.
- 3 I **was making** coffee at seven o'clock this morning.
- 4 Dad **was chopping** carrots when the phone **rang**.

**D Match each sentence in C with one use of the Past Continuous below.**

- a an action that was in progress at a specific time in the past.
- b two or more actions that were in progress at the same time in the past.
- c an action that was in progress in the past but was interrupted by another action.
- d to give background information in a story.

  
  
  

**Be careful**

Remember that we don't use stative verbs in continuous tenses.

**F Write sentences with the Past Continuous in your notebooks.**

1 the students / not eat / breakfast / in the classroom / this morning

2 we / not have / lunch / at one o'clock today

3 ? / you / make / cupcakes / all morning

4 this time last week / we / sample / French cheese

5 my sister / peel / potatoes / for hours this morning

6 ? / Cathy / prepare / dinner / on her own / last night

**G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Simple or the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_  
(eat) some ice cream after we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) cleaning  
the kitchen.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (Joey / call)  
you while you \_\_\_\_\_  
(watch) Jamie Oliver's cookery programme?
- 3 My dad \_\_\_\_\_  
(cook) dinner on Saturday because Mum  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill.
- 4 The children \_\_\_\_\_  
(order) pizza when I \_\_\_\_\_  
(walk) into their bedroom.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / fry) the  
hamburgers, I \_\_\_\_\_  
(grill) them. They're healthier that way.
- 6 Karen \_\_\_\_\_  
(make) lunch while Peter  
\_\_\_\_\_ (set) the table.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
(they / have) a barbeque when it  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (you  
/ order) a dessert after you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (have) your  
main course?