

NARRATIVE TENSES

Past Simple Tense Vs. Past Continuous Tense	
เหตุการณ์ในอดีต, ทำไปแล้ว	เหตุการณ์กำลังกระทำในอดีต
Past Simple Tense	Past Continuous Tense
I He She It We You They	I He She It We You They
V2 walked studied ate went	was were V-ing walking studying eating going
'when' + short action (past simple tense) 'while' + long action (past continuous tense)	

when

I was waiting at the bus stop
when a thief stole my bag.

while

While I was waiting at the bus
 stop, a thief stole my bag.

1. I heard a knock at the front door so I (went / was going) to answer it.
2. At this time yesterday, I (wrote / was writing) an essay.
3. The football season (began / was beginning) a month ago.
4. She (had graduated / graduated) from school in 2001.
5. We entered the house quietly because everyone (was sleeping / had slept).
6. By the time we (got / had got) to the cinema, the film had already started.
7. The children (were playing / played) in the garden while their parents were watching them.
8. They (had left / left) many hours before we arrived.

Past Simple Tense Vs. Past Perfect Tense			
เหตุการณ์เกิดขึ้นหลังในอดีต		เหตุการณ์เกิดขึ้นก่อนในอดีต	
Past Simple Tense		Past perfect Tense	
I	V2 walked studied ----- ate went stole	I	V3 walked studied ----- eaten gone stolen
He		He	
She		She	
It		It	
We		We	
You		You	
They		They	

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. By the time I could talk to her, she *decide/ had decided* to quit her job.
2. I looked at the photo and suddenly realised that I *saw / had seen* that man somewhere before.
3. First I *made/ had made* the salad, then I toasted the bread.
4. *Had you already cooked / Did you already cook* breakfast when you got up?
5. She didn't feel like another coffee as she *just had / 'd just had* one.
6. We had the French exam this morning. It *wasn't / hadn't been* as hard as I'd expected, though.
7. Dinosaurs *lived / had lived* hundreds of millions of years ago.

Resource: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/intermediate-to-upper-intermediate/past-perfect>

