

PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS – PAST PERFECT

	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
PAST SIMPLE Actions that happened and finished in the past (yesterday, last week, in 2010..., WHEN)	I play ed football You play ed football We play ed football They play ed football He play ed football She play ed football It play ed football	I didn't play football You didn't play football We didn't play football They didn't play football He didn't play football She didn't play football It didn't play football	Did I play football? Did you play football? Did we play football? Did they play football? Did he play football? Did she play football? Did it play football?
PAST CONTINUOUS Actions taking place at a certain moment in the past (while, at 5 p.m., all day...)	I was playing football You were playing football We were playing football They were playing football He was playing football She was playing football It was playing football	I wasn't playing football You weren't playing football We weren't playing football They weren't playing football He wasn't playing football She wasn't playing football It wasn't playing football	Was I playing football? Were you playing football? Were we playing football? Were they playing football? Was he playing football? Was she playing football? Was it playing football?
PAST PERFECT Actions that happened before another action in the past (before, after, already, just, never...)	I had played football You had played football We had played football They had played football He had played football She had played football It had played football	I hadn't played football You hadn't played football We hadn't played football They hadn't played football He hadn't played football She hadn't played football It hadn't played football	Had I played football? Had you played football? Had we played football? Had they played football? Had he played football? Had she played football? Had it played football?

Fill in the gaps using the correct tense: past simple, past continuous or past perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- The scientist (work) in the lab when the lights (go) out.
- The dancer (not injure) her foot, she (hurt) her knee.
- (the pilot / check) the weather forecast before the flight?
- They (paint) the mural while music (play) in the background.
- We (just / finish) packing our bags when the taxi arrived.
- (the nurse / help) a patient when you (arrive)?
- I (already / see) that art exhibition last month.
- The flight (not leave) on time because of the storm.
- (the volcano / erupt) before the people evacuated the town?
- She (not wearing) a coat even though it (snow).
- The musician (always / practice) before concerts when he was young.
- (they / study) science or history yesterday?
- He (not clean) his lab equipment yet, so the teacher got angry.
- I (break) my wrist last weekend while I (skate).
- (you / buy) your new boots at the airport shop?
- The painter (finish) the portrait before the client arrived.
- We (not listen) when the teacher (explain) the lab rules.
- (the storm / already / start) when you got home?
- She (sing) her favorite song when the microphone (break).
- The passengers (not know) the flight was canceled.