Starter After the holidays

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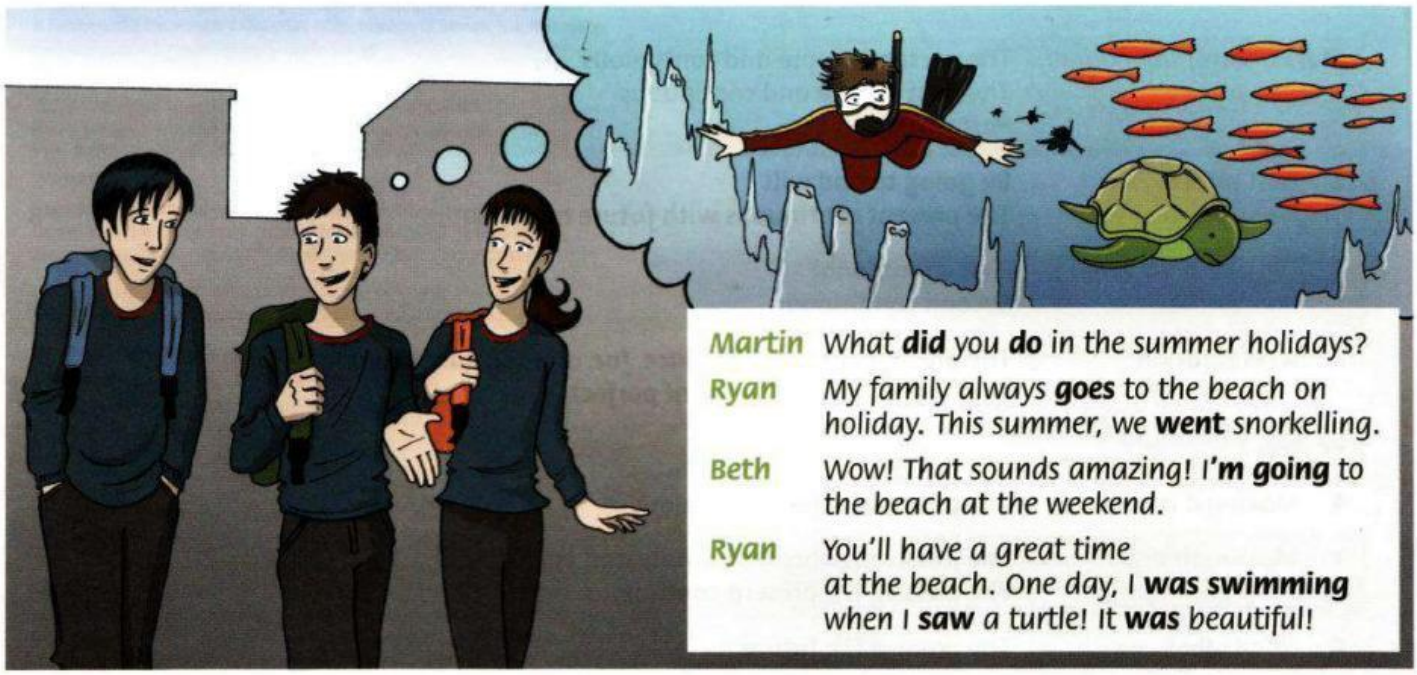

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The present simple and present continuous

We use the present simple to talk about habits and things that are always true. We use the present continuous to talk about what we are doing now.

*Bobby always **plays** in the school football team.*
*Julia's **listening** to her new MP3 player.*

The past simple and past continuous

We use the past simple to talk about completed actions in the past. We use the past continuous to talk about an action that went on for some time. We often use the past continuous to describe things that were happening when something else happened.

Past continuous	Past simple
*Ryan **was swimming***	*when he **saw** a turtle.*

1 Circle the correct answers.

1 Cara's in the kitchen. She **'s baking** / **bakes** a cake for Mum's birthday.
2 What **do you take** / **are you taking** a photo of? There's nothing to see here at the moment.
3 Visitors **usually come** / **are usually coming** to see the dolphins.
4 Helen always **plays** / **is playing** tennis on Tuesdays.
5 It **doesn't snow** / **isn't snowing** at the moment.
6 I'm **not coming** / **don't come** right now, but I'll see you later.
7 My family **recycles** / **'s recycling** rubbish every week.
8 Our cousins **are staying** / **stay** with us at the moment.
9 Peggy **leaves** / **'s leaving** school right now.

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2 Complete the conversations. Use the present simple or present continuous and the verbs in the box.

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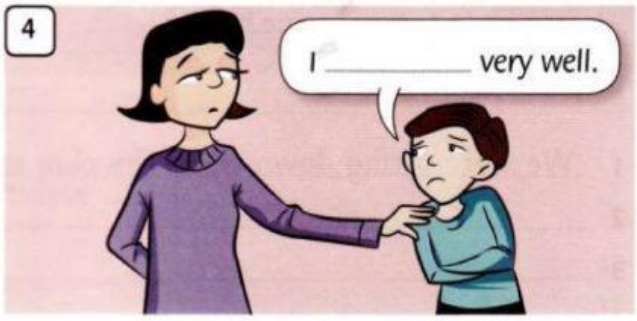
Yes. I want to buy a present for my mum.

Yes. He _____ to be an athlete at the moment.

Jamie? I _____ him.



_____ you _____ a stomach ache?

3 Write sentences and questions. Use the present simple or present continuous.

1 Mum / always / shop / at the market.
Mum always shops at the market.

2 I / act / in the play / at the moment.
_____

3 Judy and Tina / do / a jigsaw / at the moment.
_____

4 That player / never / score / any goals.
_____

5 Sidney / do his homework / right now.
_____

6 Why / Kim / laugh / now?
_____

7 The boys / play football / right now.
_____

8 What / tools / we / often / need?
_____

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4 Write sentences. Use the past simple and the past continuous.

	First action	Second action
1	We / sit down	when / the play / start.
2	I / choose / a bracelet for Mum	when / Mum / come into / the shop.
3	Louise / talk / to Amy	when / the bus / arrive.
4	When / Harriet / look for / some plasters	she / find / her watch.
5	The team / train	when / Ted / have / an accident.
6	When / we / walk / around the ruins	some stones / fall.
7	The actor / perform / on stage	when / the director / start / to laugh.
8	When / I / carry / some bottles	the carrier bag / break.
9	When / they / shop	it / start / to rain.

1 We were sitting down when the play started.
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____
9 _____

5 Complete the conversation. Use the present simple, the present continuous, the past simple or the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Billy Hello, Lewis. It's good to see you back at school. I [1] heard (hear) about your accident.

Lewis Yes, it [2] _____ (happen) very quickly. My dad and I [3] _____ (climb) up a mountain when I [4] _____ (fall) over a rock.

Billy Oh! Tommy said you [5] _____ (have) the accident when you [6] _____ (walk) up a hill.

Lewis Well, it was a very big hill! I [7] _____ (not can) walk at all just after the accident, but my leg [8] _____ (get) better now. I [9] _____ (do) exercises every day.

Billy See you in football practice soon, then!

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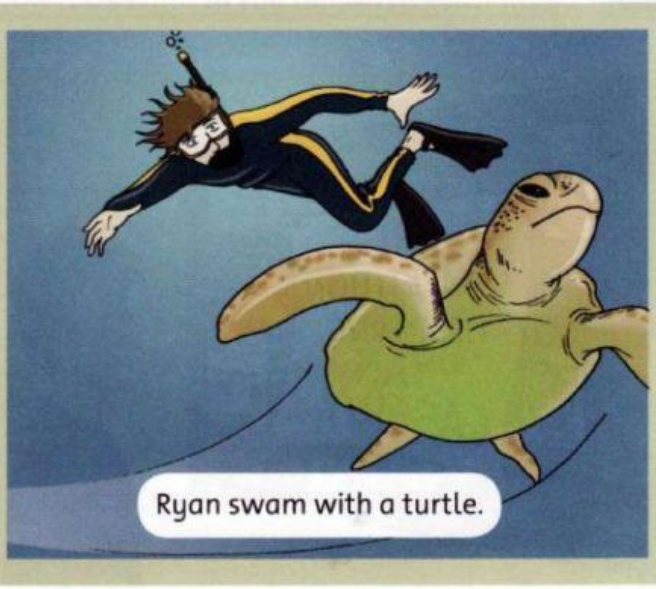
Past forms

Regular verbs

The past simple form of regular verbs is the same as for the past participle. We add **-d** or **-ed** to the base form. When a verb ends in consonant + -y, we change -y to **-i** then add **-ed**. When a verb contains one short vowel and ends in a consonant, we double the consonant.

Irregular verbs

The past simple form of irregular verbs is often different from the past participle. We have to remember irregular forms. Look at the list of irregular verbs on page 96.



6 Complete the table of regular and irregular verbs.

Base form	Past simple	Past participle
make	1 made	made
see	saw	2 _____
fly	3 _____	4 _____
peel	5 _____	peeled
send	sent	6 _____
put	7 _____	8 _____
show	showed	9 _____
enter	entered	10 _____

7 Complete the conversation. Use the past simple or the past participle of the verbs in the box.

spend finish ~~do~~ work be want see go

Suzy Have you 1 done anything interesting recently?

Helen Yes, I've 2 _____ quite busy. On Saturday, I 3 _____ to the cinema with Beth. She'd 4 _____ the film before, but she 5 _____ to see it again. How about you?

Suzy I've 6 _____ the last few days doing that project for school next week.

Helen Beth and I 7 _____ together on ours, so it's 8 _____ now.

Suzy Lucky you!

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