

Past Simple	V-ed / V-2
Past Continuous	was/were + V-ing
Past Perfect	had + V-ed / V-3

3 Past tenses



I Write the verbs in 3 past tenses

Infinitive	Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect
To forget			
To lie			
To swim			
To throw			
To wake			

II Complete the sentences using the right verb

- It _____ (not rain) when we _____ (come) out of the house.
- While Mary _____ (clean) up her room, she _____ (find) the ring she _____ (lose) two days earlier.
- The teacher _____ (come) across a few mistakes while she _____ (check) some homework Tim _____ (do).
- When Sam _____ (meet) Ann, she _____ (eat) an ice cream which she _____ (buy) at the corner of the street.
- My brother _____ (break) his arm while he _____ (roller-skate) in the street yesterday.
- By the time John _____ (get) to the party most of the guests _____ (already/leave) and only three or four people _____ (still/dance).
- Adam _____ (not/phone) home for several days, so while he _____ (wait) for the train, he _____ (call) his family.
- Mary _____ (meet) her husband while she _____ (work) in Greece.
- When _____ you _____ (realize) that you _____ (meet) him before?

III Read the passage of the text and put the verbs into the correct tense.

"One day the customer 1 _____ (come) in as usual and 2 _____ (ask) for two loaves of stale bread. While the owner of a small bakery, Miss Martha Meacham, 3 _____ (get) them from the shelf the siren of a fire-engine 4 _____ (be) heard.

The customer 5 _____ (run) to the door to look. Suddenly a bright idea 6 _____ (come) to Miss Martha. On one of the shelves there 7 _____ (be) a pound of butter she 8 _____ (buy) in the morning. She 9 _____ (make) a cut in each of the stale loaves and 10 _____ (put) a big piece of butter into each cut and 11 _____ (press) the loaves together again.

When the customer 12 _____ (turn) from the door Miss Martha 13 _____ (wrap) the loaves in paper. As usual he 14 _____ (say) a few pleasant words to her and 15 _____ (leave).

After he 16 _____ (go), Miss Meacham 17 _____ (smile) to herself. But she wasn't sure... Had she the right to do such a thing?"...

(Adapted. Extract from "Witches' Loaves" by O. Henry)



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II

- 1 wasn't raining, came
- 2 was cleaning, found, had lost
- 3 came, was checking, had done
- 4 met, was eating, had bought
- 5 broke, was roller-skating
- 6 got, had already left, were still dancing
- 7 had not phoned, was waiting, called
- 8 met, was working
- 9 did....realize, had met

- III 1 came 2 asked 3 was getting 4 was 5 ran 6 came 7 was
8 had bought 9 made 10 put 11 pressed 12 turned 13 was wrapping
14 said 15 left 16 had gone 17 smiled