

PAST TENSE

PAST SIMPLE		
AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
You PLAYED football yesterday.	You DID NOT PLAY ...	DID you PLAY ...?
He VISITED his grandmother,	He DID NOT VISIT ...	DID he VISIT ...?
They RAN very fast.	They DID NOT RUN ...	DID they RUN ...?

Note:

- For regular verbs we have just to add **-ED**.
- If the verb is irregular you have to go to the **2ND COLUMN**.

Note:

- In negative and interrogative, the PAST FORM is DID. The other verb is in present.
YOU DID NOT PLAYED. Big mistake
DID YOU VISITED...? Big mistake
- We use it for things **FINISHED** in the past.
- Habits in the past.
- Things one happened after another. **I RAN, I LAUGHED AND I STOOD UP**.

PAST CONTINUOUS		
AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
You WERE PLAYING football last night.	You WERE NOT PLAYING ...	WERE you PLAYING ...?
He WAS VISITING his grandmother,	He WAS NOT VISITING ...	WAS he VISITING ...?
They WERE RUNNING very fast.	They WERE NOT RUNNING ...	WERE they RUNNING ...?

Note:

- SUPER IMPORTANT!!! VERB **TO BE** in past.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS	PAST CONTINUOUS
AM	WAS
IS	WAS
ARE	WERE

- We have to add **-ING** to the verb in PRESENT FORM.
- The negative is with **WAS/WERE**.
- For interrogative we do **NOT** use **DID** we use **WAS/WERE**.
- We use it to talk about things that were happening at a particular time in the past.
- We use it too to talk about two or more things that were happening at the same time in the past.

TIME EXPRESSIONS IN PAST	
PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
Yesterday	All day yesterday
Last night/week/month/year	All morning
Two days/a month/ a year ago	At 3 o'clock
In October 2007	Last Thursday
	Last year
	This morning
	At this time last week
	From 3 o'clock till four

Moreover,

- Past Simple + WHILE + Past Continuous
- Past Continuous + WHEN + Past Simple

6 Choose the correct options.

- 1 I *listened* / *was listening* to the radio when I *heard* / *was hearing* this fantastic song.
- 2 When the teacher *said* / *was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried* / *was still trying* to finish the last question.
- 3 I feel really silly! While I *danced* / *was dancing*, I *fell* / *was falling* and *broke* / *was breaking* my elbow.
- 4 Tim *played* / *was playing* a computer game when his mum *called* / *was calling* him for lunch.
- 5 I *looked* / *was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed* / *was noticing* there was a virus.
- 6 Ron *found* / *was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surf*ed / *was surf*ing the internet.
- 7 My mum *had* / *was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled* / *was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- 8 When you *saw* / *were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go* / *wasn't going* to school, I *went* / *was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- 9 How many pictures *did you take* / *were you taking* while you *travelled* / *were travelling* around Ireland?
- 10 Why *did you chat* / *were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried* / *was trying* to tell you something really important?

1 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 She _____ (surf) when the shark _____ (attack) her.
- 2 He _____ (dance) at a party when he _____ (meet) his girlfriend.
- 3 I _____ (have) a picnic when I _____ (see) my sister.
- 4 When they _____ (see) the shark they _____ (swim) in the sea.
- 5 Susan _____ (arrive) while I _____ (have) dinner.
- 6 He _____ (play) football, when he _____ (break) his leg.
- 7 I _____ (wait) for my friend when the bus _____ (arrive).
- 8 When I _____ (get back) my mum _____ (cook) dinner.