

Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

Simple Past

We use the **simple past** to talk about:

Completed actions, habits and facts in the past.



- I **went** to the cinema **yesterday**.
- I **always visited** my grandparents in my summer holidays **when I was** little.
- I **lived** near Liverpool for a couple of years.

Past Continuous

The **past continuous** is used to express:

Interrupted actions, specific time as an interruption and parallel actions.



- I **was watching** TV **when** the phone rang.
- **Last night at 7pm**, I **was having** dinner.
- **While** she **was doing** her homework, her brother **was playing** football.

1. Match the past form of the verbs. Follow the example.

INFINITIVE

BEGIN

CRY

DANCE

DRINK

FIND

VISIT

HAVE

WALK

GO

PLAY

PAST FORM

PLAYED

HAD

VISITED

DANCED

WENT

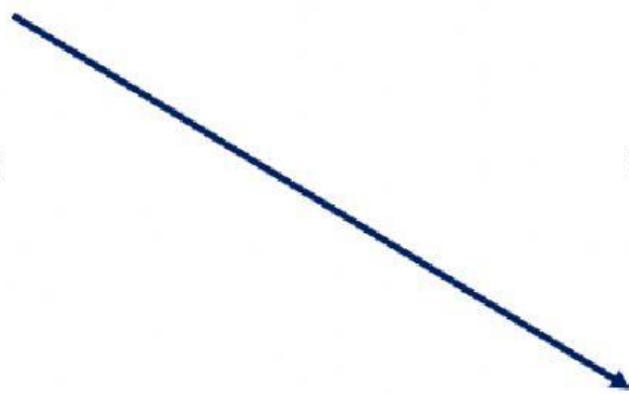
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2. choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

a. I _____ (buy) a lollipop..

buy

bought

buyed

b. You _____ (see) the butterfly.

saw

seed

see

c. She _____ (know) the answer of the question.

know

knowed

knew

d. They _____ (visit) the museum.

visit

visitted

visited

e. Camila and Robert _____ (walk) around the city.

walked

walk

walkked

3. Match the sentences with the question form.

a. Martin lived in Brazil.	____ Did we buy the car?
b. We bought the car.	____ Did Tomas find the keys?
c. Lucy watched TV.	____ Did Freddy jump high?
d. Tomas found the keys.	____ Did Peter go to the pool?
e. Freddy jumped high.	<u>a</u> Did Martin live in Brazil?
f. Peter went to the pool.	____ Did Lucy watch TV?

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4. Match the picture and the past progressive sentences

1.



We were eating pizza.

2.



He was drinking orange juice.

3.



They were walking to school.

4.



She was washing the dishes.

5.



John was reading a book in the afternoon.

6.



They were studying in the morning.

7.



The children were playing in the park.

8.



I was watching tv with my friends.

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5. Complete the sentences with the correct form – ing verb

Watch

Run

Drive

Cook

Read

~~Wash~~

Do

Study

Dance

Clean

- A. We were WASHING the dishes.
- B. I was _____ TV.
- C. She was _____ in the park.
- D. They were _____ for the exam.
- E. You were _____ the house.
- F. He was _____ a lasagna.
- G. We were _____ a book.
- H. You were _____ a car.
- I. I was _____ bachata.
- J. They were _____ the homework.