

PAST TENSES

Past Simple or Past Continuous:

Teacher: James, why is your leg in a plaster cast? What 1) **happened** (happen)?
James: Well, yesterday afternoon when I 2) (walk) home from school, I
3) (slip) over on the ice and 4) (break) my ankle.
Teacher: How awful!
James: It 5) (be). And I 6) (not/have) any credit on my
mobile to call my parents.
Teacher: So, how did you get to hospital?
James: Well, I 7) (lie) on the ground wondering what to do when, all of
a sudden, I 8) (see) my next door neighbour. He 9)
..... (take) his dog for a walk.
Teacher: That was lucky.
James: I know. Anyway, he 10) (phone) my mum and she 11)
(come) and 12) (take) me to hospital.
Teacher: Well, I'm very glad someone 13) (find) you and I hope your leg mends soon.

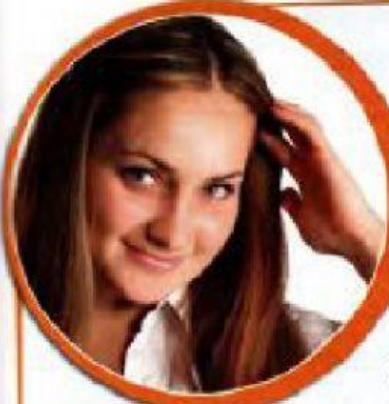
Past Simple or Continuous:

A As soon as Margaret 1) ... **got** ... (get) off the train,
she 2) (pull) her coat around her.
Rain 3) (fall) heavily and a cold
wind 4) (blow) across the platform.
She 5) (look) around, but no
one 6) (wait) to meet
her. She 7) (turn) to leave when
she 8) (hear) footsteps.
A man 9) (walk) towards her.
He 10) (smile) at her, then he
11) (say), 'You're finally here.'

B George 1) (pick) up his bag then, 2) (throw) it over his shoulder. It 3) (get) dark and he 4) (have) a long way to go. He wished that he had let someone know that he was coming. It 5) (start) to rain, and he was feeling cold and tired from the long journey. Suddenly, he 6) (hear) a noise, then he 7) (see) two bright lights on the road ahead. A car 8) (head) towards him. It slowed down and finally 9) (stop) beside him. A man 10) (sit) at the wheel. He 11) (open) the door quickly and 12) (say) 'Get in, George.'

C Andy 1) (step) into the house and 2) (close) the door behind him. Everything 3) (be) quiet. His heart 4) (beat) fast and his hands 5) (shake) as he crept silently into the empty house, but he was trying not to panic. He soon 6) (find) what he 7) (look) for. He smiled with relief as he put on the clothes. The men who 8) (follow) him would never recognise him now.

Past Perfect or Past Simple:



Jessica 1) **looked** (look) at her watch. It
2) (be) already 10:30 at night. She
3) (spend) all day writing her
article, so it was no surprise she 4)
(feel) so exhausted. Jessica 5)
(stand up) and 6) (look) out the window.
The street lights 7) (be) on and the rain
8) (stop). She 9)
(not/be) out all day, so she 10) (decide) to
take a drive. Jessica 11) (feel) happy and relaxed. She
12) (finally/finish) her article for the magazine. It
13) (take) her all weekend.

Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous

1 A: Did you do anything last night?
B: I went to the gym and I (just/arrive) home when Michael called me. He said he (try) to call me for ten minutes before I finally answered the phone.

2 A: Did you catch any fish on your fishing trip today?
B: Yes. I (sit) in the boat for two hours when I caught a huge fish.

3 A: Did you enjoy the open-air concert yesterday?
B: The music was good, but the weather was terrible. The concert (just/start) when suddenly, it began to rain. The musicians (only / play) for ten minutes.
A: What a shame!

4 A: Was the house tidy when you got home?
B: Yes, the children (dust) the furniture and they (put away) all of their toys.

5 A: Why were you so upset this morning?
B: Well, I (clean) the house for hours when the children came in with muddy shoes.

6 A: Why are you so late for work this morning?
B: I'm sorry. I (wait) for the train for over an hour before it eventually arrived.