

# PAST SIMPLE

*We use it to talk about actions in story finished time period events.*

|             | Affirmative           | Negative                    | Interrogative                 |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>I</i>    | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did I study</b> French?    |
| <i>You</i>  | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did you study</b> French?  |
| <i>He</i>   | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did he study</b> French?   |
| <i>She</i>  | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did she study</b> French?  |
| <i>It</i>   | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did it study</b> French?   |
| <i>We</i>   | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did we study</b> French?   |
| <i>They</i> | <b>studied</b> French | <b>did not study</b> French | <b>Did they study</b> French? |

# PAST CONTINUOUS

*We use it to talk about overlapping actions and to give emphasis to the extension of an event.*

|             | Affirmative                  | Negative                         | Interrogative                     |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>I</i>    | <b>was studying</b> French.  | <b>was not studying</b> French.  | <b>Was I studying</b> French?     |
| <i>You</i>  | <b>were studying</b> French. | <b>were not studying</b> French. | <b>Were you studying</b> French?  |
| <i>He</i>   | <b>was studying</b> French.  | <b>was not studying</b> French.  | <b>Was he studying</b> French?    |
| <i>She</i>  | <b>was studying</b> French.  | <b>was not studying</b> French.  | <b>Was she studying</b> French?   |
| <i>It</i>   | <b>was studying</b> French.  | <b>was not studying</b> French.  | <b>Was it studying</b> French?    |
| <i>We</i>   | <b>were studying</b> French. | <b>were not studying</b> French. | <b>Were we studying</b> French?   |
| <i>They</i> | <b>were studying</b> French. | <b>were not studying</b> French. | <b>Were they studying</b> French? |

Geralmente, uma ação inicial (past simple) é interrompida por outra ação (past continuous). Nestes

casos, a ação no past simple é introduzida pela question word when.

**I was running** when I **found** an abandoned kitten.

Fill the blanks with the correct forms of Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a coffee when you \_\_\_\_\_ (call).
2. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the party, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there?
3. Susie \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie when she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the noise.
4. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the library, next I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a swim.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis when John \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) his ankle.
6. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they/ do) at 10pm last night – it was really noise?
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower when the telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
8. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the room, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (work).
9. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a day last September. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine).
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Russia when the Revolution \_\_\_\_\_ (start).