

## worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

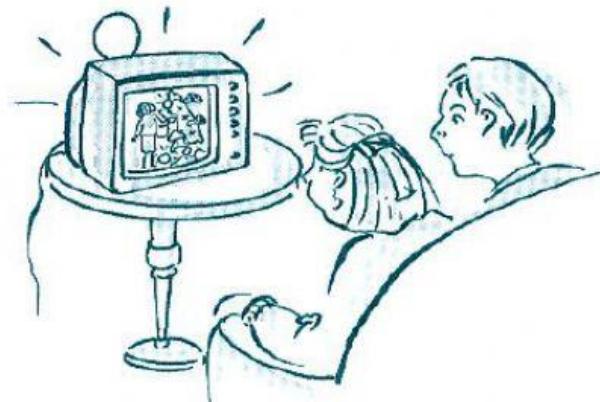
## A

They **watch** television every evening.  
(*present simple*)

They **watched** television yesterday evening.  
(*past simple*)

**watched** is the *past simple*:

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| I/we/you/they<br>he/she/it | <b>watched</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|



## B

The past simple is often **-ed** (*regular verbs*). For example:

work → **worked**      clean → **cleaned**      start → **started**  
stay → **stayed**      arrive → **arrived**      dance → **danced**

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1986 to 1993.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

*Spelling* (⇒ Appendix 5):

try → **tried**      study → **studied**      copy → **copied**  
stop → **stopped**      plan → **planned**

## C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

|                      |                      |                                          |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| begin → <b>began</b> | fall → <b>fell</b>   | leave → <b>left</b>                      | sell → <b>sold</b>   |
| break <b>broke</b>   | find <b>found</b>    | lose <b>lost</b>                         | sit <b>sat</b>       |
| bring <b>brought</b> | fly <b>flew</b>      | make <b>made</b>                         | sleep <b>slept</b>   |
| build <b>built</b>   | forget <b>forgot</b> | meet <b>met</b>                          | speak <b>spoke</b>   |
| buy <b>bought</b>    | get <b>got</b>       | pay <b>paid</b>                          | stand <b>stood</b>   |
| catch <b>caught</b>  | give <b>gave</b>     | put <b>put</b>                           | take <b>took</b>     |
| come <b>came</b>     | go <b>went</b>       | read <b>read</b> / <b>red</b> / <b>*</b> | tell <b>told</b>     |
| do <b>did</b>        | have <b>had</b>      | ring <b>rang</b>                         | think <b>thought</b> |
| drink <b>drank</b>   | hear <b>heard</b>    | say <b>said</b>                          | win <b>won</b>       |
| eat <b>ate</b>       | know <b>knew</b>     | see <b>saw</b>                           | write <b>wrote</b>   |

\* pronunciation

- I usually get up early but this morning I **got** up at 9.30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- Jim **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

## EXERCISES

**11.1** Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs in the past simple:

**clean** **die** **enjoy** **finish** **happen** **open** **rain** **start** **stay** **want**

- I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
- It was hot in the room, so I ..... the window.
- The concert ..... at 7.30 and ..... at 10 o'clock.
- When I was a child, I ..... to be a doctor.
- The accident ..... last Sunday afternoon.
- It's a nice day today but yesterday it ..... all day.
- We ..... our holiday last year. We ..... at a very nice place.
- Ann's grandfather ..... when he was 90 years old.

**11.2** Write the past simple of these verbs.

- |                  |               |               |                |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 get <u>got</u> | 4 pay .....   | 7 go .....    | 10 know .....  |
| 2 see .....      | 5 visit ..... | 8 think ..... | 11 put .....   |
| 3 play .....     | 6 buy .....   | 9 copy .....  | 12 speak ..... |

**11.3** Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday Lisa (1) flew from London to Madrid. She (2) ..... up at six o'clock in the morning and (3) ..... a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4) ..... home and (5) ..... to the airport. When she (6) ..... , she (7) ..... the car and then (8) ..... to the airport café where she (9) ..... breakfast. Then she (10) ..... through passport control and (11) ..... for her flight. The plane (12) ..... on time and (13) ..... in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14) ..... a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

fly, get  
have  
leave, drive  
arrive, park, go  
have, go  
wait, depart  
arrive  
take

**11.4** Write sentences about the past (**yesterday** / **last week** etc.).

- Jim always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- Rachel often loses her keys. She ..... last week.
- Kate meets her friends every evening. She ..... yesterday evening.
- I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I .....
- We usually go to the cinema on Sundays. Last Sunday we .....
- I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I .....
- Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he .....
- Our friends come to see us every Friday. They ..... last Friday.

**11.5** Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

1 I played volleyball yesterday.

- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

# I didn't ... Did you ... ?

## (past simple negative and questions)

**A** We use **did** in past simple negatives and questions:

| infinitive | positive         | negative           | question         |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| play       | I <b>play</b>    | I <b>played</b>    | I <b>play</b>    |
| start      | we <b>start</b>  | we <b>started</b>  | we <b>start</b>  |
| watch      | you <b>watch</b> | you <b>watched</b> | you <b>watch</b> |
| have       | they <b>have</b> | they <b>had</b>    | they <b>have</b> |
| see        | he <b>see</b>    | he <b>saw</b>      | he <b>see</b>    |
| do         | she <b>do</b>    | she <b>did</b>     | she <b>do</b>    |
| go         | it <b>go</b>     | it <b>went</b>     | it <b>go</b>     |

**B** **do/does (present) → did (past):**

- I **don't** watch television very often.
- I **didn't** watch television **yesterday**.
- **Does** she often go away?
- Did she go away **last week**?

**C** We use **did/didn't + infinitive** (watch/play/go etc.):

|                  |     |                       |                          |
|------------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| I <b>watched</b> | but | I <b>didn't watch</b> | (not 'I didn't watched') |
| they <b>went</b> |     | did they <b>go?</b>   | (not 'did they went?')   |
| he <b>had</b>    |     | he <b>didn't have</b> |                          |
| you <b>did</b>   |     | did you <b>do?</b>    |                          |

- I **played** tennis yesterday but I **didn't win**.
- 'Did you **do** the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't have** time.'
- We **went** to the cinema but we **didn't enjoy** the film.

**D** Study the word order in questions:

**did** + *subject* + *infinitive*

|       |            |              |                |                    |
|-------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| What  | <b>Did</b> | your sister  | <b>phone</b>   | you?               |
| How   | <b>Did</b> | you          | <b>do</b>      | yesterday evening? |
| Where | <b>Did</b> | the accident | <b>happen?</b> |                    |
|       | <b>Did</b> | your parents | <b>go</b>      | for their holiday? |

**E** *short answers*

|      |                            |             |     |                            |                |
|------|----------------------------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|
| Yes, | I/we/you/they<br>he/she/it | <b>did.</b> | No, | I/we/you/they<br>he/she/it | <b>didn't.</b> |
|------|----------------------------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|

- 'Did **you** see Joe yesterday?' 'No, I **didn't**.'
- 'Did **it** rain on Sunday?' 'Yes, **it did**.'
- 'Did **Helen** come to the party?' 'No, **she didn't**.'
- 'Did **your parents** have a good holiday?' 'Yes, **they did**.'

## EXERCISES

## 12.1 Complete these sentences with the verb in the negative.

- 1 I saw Barbara but I didn't see Jane.  
 2 They worked on Monday but they ..... on Tuesday.  
 3 We went to the post office but we ..... to the bank.  
 4 She had a pen but she ..... any paper.  
 5 Jack did French at school but he ..... German.

12.2 Write questions with **Did** ...?

- 1 I watched TV last night. And you? Did you watch TV last night?  
 2 I enjoyed the party. And you?  
 3 I had a good holiday. And you?  
 4 I finished work early. And you?  
 5 I slept well last night. And you?

## 12.3 What did you do yesterday? Write positive or negative sentences.

- 1 (watch TV) I watched TV. OR I didn't watch TV.  
 2 (get up before 7 o'clock) I .....  
 3 (have a shower) .....  
 4 (buy a magazine) .....  
 5 (eat meat) .....  
 6 (go to bed before 10.30) .....

## 12.4 Write B's questions. Use:

arrive    cost    go    go to bed late    happen    have a nice time    stay    win

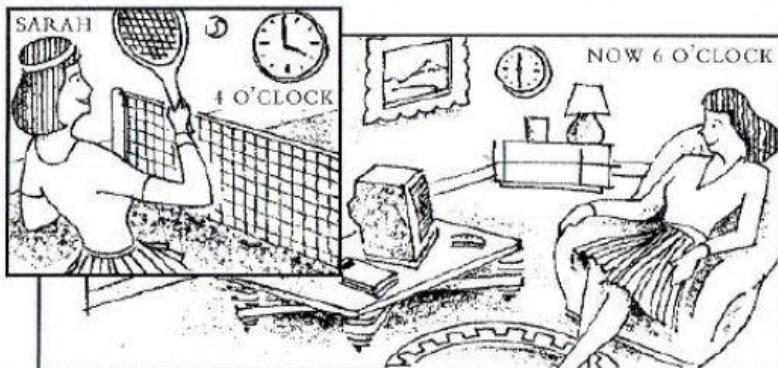
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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 A: We went to New York last month.<br>B: Where <u>did you stay?</u><br>A: With some friends. | 5 A: We came home by taxi.<br>B: How much ..... ?<br>A: Ten pounds.                |
| 2 A: I was late this morning.<br>B: What time ..... ?<br>A: Half past nine.                    | 6 A: I'm tired this morning.<br>B: ..... ?<br>A: No, but I didn't sleep very well. |
| 3 A: I played tennis this afternoon.<br>B: ..... ?<br>A: No, I lost.                           | 7 A: We went to the beach yesterday.<br>B: ..... ?<br>A: Yes, it was great.        |
| 4 A: I had a nice holiday.<br>B: Good. Where ..... ?<br>A: To the mountains.                   | 8 A: The window is broken.<br>B: How ..... ?<br>A: I don't know.                   |

## 12.5 Put the verb in the correct form – positive, negative or question.

- 1 We went to the cinema but the film wasn't very good. We didn't enjoy it. (enjoy)  
 2 Tim ..... some new clothes yesterday – two shirts, a jacket and a pullover. (buy)  
 3 '..... yesterday?' 'No, it was a nice day.' (rain)  
 4 The party wasn't very good, so we ..... long. (stay)  
 5 It was very warm in the room, so I ..... a window. (open)  
 6 'Did you go to the bank this morning?' 'No, I ..... time.' (have)  
 7 'I cut my hand this morning.' 'How ..... that?' (do)

# I was doing (past continuous)

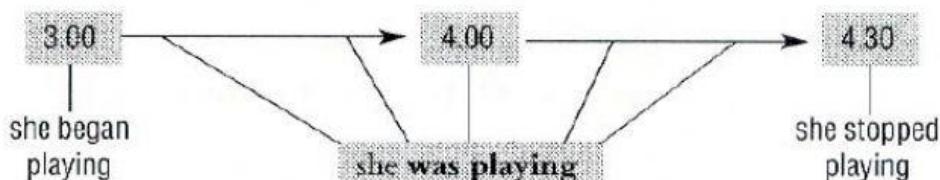
A



It is 6 o'clock now.  
Sarah **is** at home.  
She **is** **watching** television.

At 4 o'clock she **wasn't** at home.  
She **was** at the sports club.

She **was** **playing** tennis.  
She **wasn't** **watching** television.



B **was/were + -ing** is the *past continuous*:

positive

|      |             |                 |
|------|-------------|-----------------|
| I    | <b>was</b>  | <b>doing</b>    |
| he   |             | <b>watching</b> |
| she  |             | <b>playing</b>  |
| it   |             | <b>running</b>  |
| we   | <b>were</b> | <b>living</b>   |
| you  |             | <b>etc.</b>     |
| they |             |                 |

negative

|      |                                       |                 |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| I    | <b>was not</b><br>( <b>wasn't</b> )   | <b>watching</b> |
| he   |                                       | <b>playing</b>  |
| she  |                                       | <b>running</b>  |
| it   |                                       | <b>living</b>   |
| we   | <b>were not</b><br>( <b>weren't</b> ) | <b>etc.</b>     |
| you  |                                       |                 |
| they |                                       |                 |

question

|             |      |                  |
|-------------|------|------------------|
| <b>was</b>  | I    | <b>doing?</b>    |
|             | he   | <b>watching?</b> |
|             | she  | <b>playing?</b>  |
|             | it   | <b>running?</b>  |
| <b>were</b> | we   | <b>living?</b>   |
|             | you  | <b>etc.</b>      |
|             | they |                  |

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't** **listening**.'
- It **was** **raining**, so we didn't go out.
- In 1985 we **were** **living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was** **wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was** **shining** and the birds **were** **singing**.

Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.) ⇒ Appendix 5

C

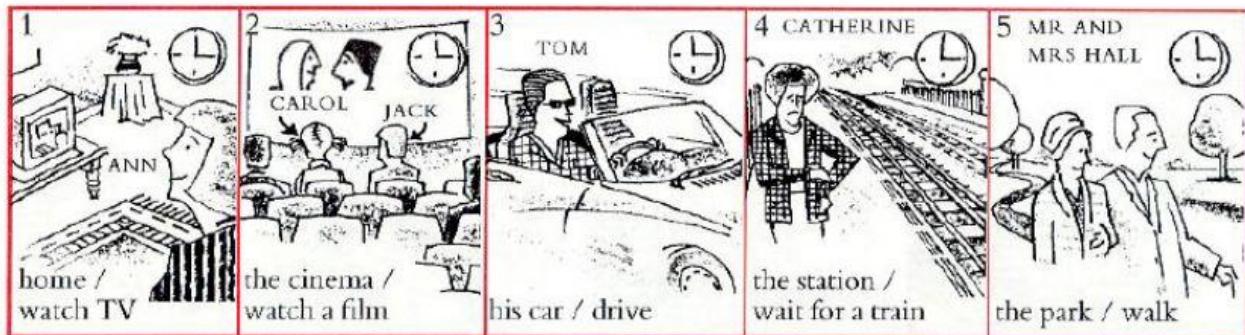
**am/is/are + -ing (present)** → **was/were + -ing (past)**:

- I'm **working** (now). I **was** **working** at 10.30 **last night**.
- It **isn't** **raining** (now). It **wasn't** **raining** when we went out.
- What **are** you **doing** (now)? What **were** you **doing** at three o'clock?

## EXERCISES

## 13.1

Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.



1 Ann was at home. She was watching TV.

2 Carol and Jack ..... They

3 Tom .....

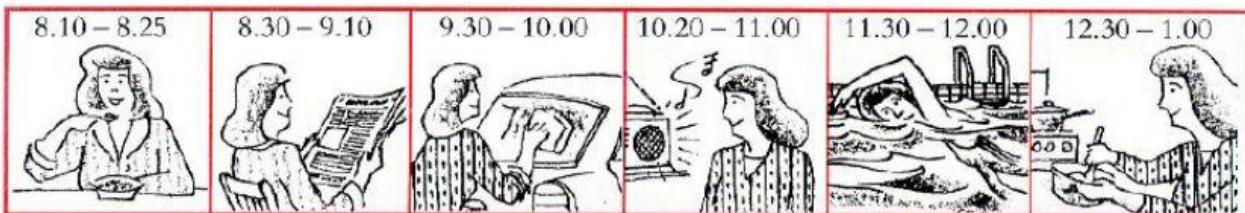
4 .....

5 .....

6 And you? I .....

## 13.2

Sarah did a lot of things yesterday morning. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



1 At 9.45 she was washing her car.

4 At 12.50 .....

2 At 11.45 she .....

5 At 8.15 .....

3 At 9 o'clock .....

6 At 10.30 .....

## 13.3

Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

1 (you/live) **Where were you living** in 1990?

In London.

2 (you/do) ..... at 2 o'clock?

I was asleep.

3 (it/rain) ..... when you got up?

No, it was sunny.

4 (Ann/drive) ..... so fast?

Because she was in a hurry.

5 (Tim/wear) ..... a suit yesterday?

No, a T-shirt and jeans.

## 13.4

Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



1 (wear / a jacket) **He wasn't wearing a jacket.**

2 (carry / a bag) .....

3 (go / to the dentist) .....

4 (eat / an ice-cream) .....

5 (carry / an umbrella) .....

6 (go / home) .....

7 (wear / a hat) .....

8 (ride / a bicycle) .....