

Past Simple and Past Continuous

Past Simple (Aux: **-** **?** DID + Verb INF)

FORM:

Verb (Past) = 2nd column (irregular)
Verb -ED (regular)

- ⊕ Subject + Verb (Past)
- ⊖ Subject + **DID NOT** + V (INF)
- ?
- DID** + subject + **V (INF)**

USE: to talk about finished things in a finished past time.

KEYWORDS: Yesterday, last night, in 2012, three weeks ago, ...

Past Continuous (Aux: **+** **-** **?** WAS/WERE)

FORM:

- ⊕ I, he, she, it + **WAS** + Verb (-ING)
you, we, they + **WERE** + Verb (-ING)
- ⊖ I, he, she, it + **WAS NOT** + Verb (-ING)
you, we, they + **WERE NOT** + Verb (-ING)
- ?
- WAS** + I, he, she, it + **Verb (-ING)**
WERE + you, we, they + **Verb (-ING)**

USE: to talk about things related to a past time.

KEYWORDS: when+past simple, at 10pm, in those days, while, ...

ACTIVITY 1:

Complete the sentences with the correct PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets. Example: It was (be) cold yesterday.

1. The exam _____ (not be) very difficult.
2. _____ (be) they tired when they _____ (arrive)?
3. _____ they _____ (go) to Susan's birthday party?
4. You _____ (not be) here when I _____ (come).
5. What _____ (be) that noise?
6. They _____ (not finish) on time.
7. She _____ (be) in the library when I _____ (call) her.
8. Where _____ you _____ (stay)?
9. _____ we _____ (not study) this last year?

PAST of Irregular Verbs:

BECOME

FALL

FEEL

THINK

HEAR

ACTIVITY 2:

Complete the sentences with the right form of the PAST CONTINUOUS of the verbs in brackets: Example: Were you watching (watch) the football match when I phoned?

1. The teachers _____ (speak) when I arrived at school.
2. While Chris and Jane _____ (travel), we _____ (prepare) the party for their arrival.
3. The children _____ (not play) videogames yesterday at 7:00, they _____ (help) with the dinner.
4. Yesterday, I heard a strange noise while I _____ (put on) my pyjamas.
5. We _____ (write) notes in class, when the Headmaster came in.
6. What _____ you _____ (do) last Tuesday at 11pm?
7. _____ you _____ (sleep) yesterday at 1 o'clock?
8. _____ Mr Blue _____ (drink) coffee at the library?
9. When you arrived at the party, _____ John and Anne _____ (sing)?