

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.

- The exam _____ (not be) very difficult.
- _____ (be) they tired when they _____ (arrive)?
- _____ they _____ (go) to Susan's birthday party?
- You _____ (not be) here when I _____ (come).
- What _____ (be) that noise?
- They _____ (not finish) on time.
- She _____ (be) in the library when I _____ (call) her.
- Where _____ you _____ (stay)?
- _____ 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?

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