

Past simple / past continuous — part 1

a) Copy these classnotes in your notebook:

We use the **past simple** to **narrate events** in a story.

The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is **did**.

Example:

He **travelled** to Japan last year, **didn't** he?

We use the **past continuous** to **describe situations** in a story.

The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is BE (**was / were**).

Example:

He **was waiting** for a bus at the airport, **wasn't** he?

b) Look at these pictures and complete the sentences using the **past simple** (to **narrate** the events in a story) or the **past continuous** (to **describe** the situation in a story) of the verbs in brackets.



1. Adam _____ (swim) at the local swimming pool yesterday. He _____ (wear) some goggles to protect his eyes. After half an hour he _____ (feel) tired, so he _____ (decide) to stop and have some rest. He _____ (get) out of the pool and _____ (dry) himself with a towel.



2. Barry _____ (practise) some jumps on his skateboard last Friday. He _____ (wear) a helmet, elbow and knee protections, in case he _____ (fall) down.



3. Carol _____ (walk) her dog that morning. The wind _____ (blow) rather hard that day, so she _____ (wear) a hairband to keep her hair out of her face.



4. Diana _____ (listen) to the radio last Sunday morning while she _____ (have) breakfast. Then she _____ (hear) a song that she _____ (like), so she _____ (decide) to learn to play it. When she _____ (finish) breakfast, she _____ (go) to the park, _____ (sit) on a bench and _____ (start) practising.



5. Ethan _____ (sit) on the steps last Monday. He _____ (listen) to his favourite band on his headphones when the batteries _____ (run) out.



6. Fiona _____ (want) to take her baby out for a little fresh air yesterday, so she _____ (put) him in his pram and they _____ (go) to the park.



7. George _____ (ride) her bike along the street last week. Suddenly, a car _____ (jump) a red light and nearly _____ (hit) her.



8. Helen _____ (sit) quietly at home last night. She _____ (watch) a film on TV. She _____ (wear) her pajamas.