

обозначает **завершенное действие в прошлом**  
**длительное действие, действие в процессе**  
 последовательность событий в прошлом  
 длительность действия в конкретный момент времени в прошлом

образуется с помощью вспомогательного глагола **did** (в вопросительных и отрицательных предложениях) и второй формы основного глагола\окончания **-ed**

образуется с помощью вспомогательного глагола **be** (**was** или **were**) и основной формы глагола с окончанием **-ing**

### **Слова-маркеры для Past Simple и Past Continuous.**

Важным отличием Past Simple от Past Continuous является употребление различных слов-маркеров или наречий времени, которые указывают на необходимость использования того или иного времени.

| Past Simple                                                                                                   | Past Continuous                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Yesterday, last year/week/month, some years ago, in 1995, etc.<br><br>e.g. I bought this book five years ago. | All day long, the whole evening, at 5 o'clock yesterday, from two till three, at that time, etc<br><br>e.g. I was taking a shower from two till three p.m. yesterday. |

## Forming the Past Continuous

Yesterday you went to a party. This is what you saw when you arrived.  
Make sentences in the **Past Continuous**.

*When I arrived at the party...*

- 1 Jenny/talk/to Mick                      *Jenny was talking to Mick.*
- 2 Annie and Pete/dance
- 3 Sarah and Bill/sit/on the sofa
- 4 Katie/choose/a CD
- 5 Max/drink /apple juice
- 6 Beth and Dave/eat/crisps
- 7 Justin/show/Lucinda a photograph
- 8 James/tell/a joke
- 9 Harry / listen / to music.

### Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 I met / I was meeting a friend while I did / was doing the shopping.
- 2 I paid / I was paying for my things when I heard / I was hearing someone call my name.
- 3 I turned / was turning round and saw / was seeing Paula.
- 4 She wore / was wearing a bright red coat.
- 5 We decided / were deciding to have a cup of coffee.
- 6 While we had / were having a drink, a waiter dropped / was dropping a pile of plates.
- 7 We all got / were getting a terrible shock.
- 8 While the waiter picked / was picking up the broken plates, he cut / was cutting his finger.

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

- 1 While I \_\_\_\_\_(go) to work this morning,  
I \_\_\_\_\_(meet) an old friend.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_(not want) to get up this morning.  
It \_\_\_\_\_(rain) and it was cold, and my bed was  
so warm.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_(listen) to the news on the radio when the  
phone \_\_\_\_\_(ring).
- 4 But when I \_\_\_\_\_(pick) up the phone, there was  
no one there.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_(say) hello to the children, but they didn't

say anything because they \_\_\_\_\_(watch) television.