

Past Simple

Drag and drop

We use the **past simple** to:

- 1- describe finished actions or situations in the past

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- 2- say that one thing happened after another.

Ex

Past continuous

We use the **past continuous** to:

- 1- talk about activities in progress at a moment in the past.

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- 2- describe scene in a story or description

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- 3- talk about an activity in progress in the past that was interrupted by another activity.

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Past habits

Used to / Would

We use **used to** and **would** to talk about past habits, things we did regularly in the past but don't do now.

We cannot use **used to** and **would** to talk about single events in the past. In this case, we use the past simple.

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Ex

Past Perfect Simple

We use the past perfect simple to talk about actions that happened before another action or actions in the past. It gives importance to the completion of an activity.

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Past perfect continuous

We use the past perfect continuous to talk about actions that happened before another action or actions in the past. It gives importance to the duration of an activity

Ex

They were all wearing coats because it was bitterly cold.

I went to Ireland last year.

He would come and visit us on Sundays

When the teacher came in, we took out our books.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon I was watching TV.

Children used to work in factories in Britain in the 19th century.

When the interview had finished, I left.

I was listening to music when my father suddenly ran into the room.

I was tired because I had been studying all night