

## PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS: Interrogative Sentence and Time expressions

- Match the following statements with either Past Simple or Past Continuous.  
Have a look at time expressions for further guidance.

- As I wasn't talking to her, I couldn't take the blame.
- Yesterday, I visited the museum.
- While I was reading a book, the phone rang.
- Last summer, she travelled to Europe.
- She prepared a delicious tiramisu a couple of years ago.
- At this time yesterday, Mia was working on her computer.
- Avicii passed away in 2018.
- I found a wasp that was purring all night.

PAST SIMPLE

PAST CONTINUOUS

- With the given statements, identify their time expressions.  
Write these time expressions in the specified spaces:

\*Time expressions for Past Simple:

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\*Time expressions for Past Continuous:

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Complete the conversations. Use was/were, the past simple (did etc.) or the past continuous (was doing etc.).

1 POLICE OFFICER: What were you doing (you / do) when the accident happened (happen)?

COLIN: I was at the bus stop. I was waiting (wait) for a bus.

POLICE OFFICER: Did you see the accident?

COLIN: No, because I was reading (read) the newspaper.

2 NICOLA: I telephoned (telephone) you at 9 o'clock last night, but you were not at home.

MARTIN: 9 o'clock? I was sitting (sit) in a café, drinking (drink) hot chocolate.

NICOLA: Was Jane with you?

MARTIN: No, she was working (work) in the library.

NICOLA: Where was you / going (you / go) after the café?

MARTIN: I was going (go) home.

3 MUM: Oh no! My beautiful cup! What happened?

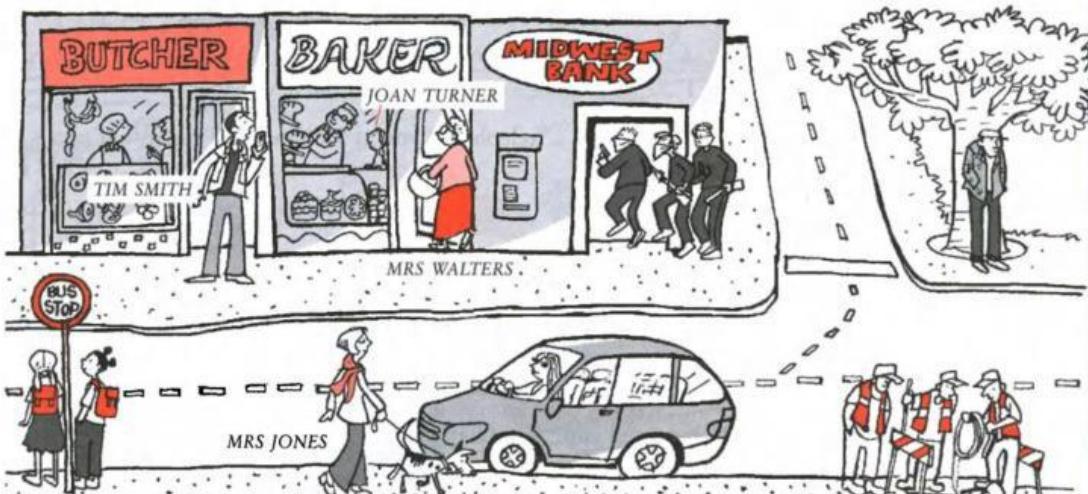
ANGIE: I'm really sorry, Mum. I was breaking (break) it when I washed (wash) it.

MUM: How?

ANGIE: My hands were wet and I dropped (drop) it on the floor.

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At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, there was a robbery at the Midwest Bank. You are a police officer and you are asking Tim Smith some questions about what he was doing, what other people were doing, and what he saw. Write the questions. Use was/were, the past simple (did you do etc.) and the past continuous (were you doing etc.).



'Now then, Mr Smith, I know you saw the robbery yesterday. I would like to ask you some questions.

1 What / you / do / at 10 o'clock? What were you doing at 10 o'clock?

2 Where / Joan Turner? .....  
3 What / Mrs Jones / do? .....  
4 Where / Mrs Walters / go? .....  
5 the robbers / carry / guns? .....  
6 Where / the big car / wait? .....  
7 driver / a man or a woman? .....  
8 you / see / a man on the corner? .....  
9 some men / repair / the road? .....  
10 anyone / wait / at the bus stop? .....  
11 you / phone / the police? .....

Thank you, Mr Smith. That was very helpful.'

Now use Tim Smith's answers to complete this paragraph. Look at the picture to help you.

Mr Smith told me that at 10.00 yesterday morning he (12) ..... was outside the butcher's.  
 Joan Turner (13) ..... Mrs Jones (14) ..... with her dog. Mrs Walters (15) ..... The three robbers (16) ..... guns. A big car (17) ..... and the driver (18) ..... A man (19) ..... on the corner and the workmen (20) ..... the road. Two children (21) ..... at the bus stop. Mr Smith (22) ..... the police on his mobile.