

past simple, past continuous and past perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **past simple** or **past continuous**.

- I **was going** (go) to work when my car **broke down** (break down).
- I _____ (fall down) when I _____ (clean) the windows.
- I _____ (study) for five hours and then I _____ (go) to sit the exam.
- Yesterday I _____ (go) to the cinema and later I _____ (meet) my friends.
- While I _____ (study) my brother _____ (listen) to the radio.
- I _____ (not go) to the school because I _____ (have) a terrible headache.

2. Tick the correct option. **Past simple** or **past perfect**.

- He walked into the bus station only to find that the bus left / had left.
- My brother told me that Bill died / had died.
- Where is he? My sister asked / had asked.
- Lucas was very happy. He got / had got what he was looking for.
- I was going to leave when I remembered / had remembered I didn't have the key.
- When I went to the stadium I realized / had realized that the match had been postponed.
- My sister moved to the house where she lived / had lived when she was a little girl.
- When I was having a shower I heard / had heard the phone ringing.

3. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the **past simple** or the **past continuous**.

- Mark **heard** (hear) a cry for help while he **was swimming** (swim) in the sea.
- Mary _____ (close) the window because it _____ (rain).
- I _____ (read) a magazine when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- Pete _____ (play) in the football final when he _____ (score) a brilliant goal.
- The last time I _____ (speak) to Mary _____ (talk) to her in Manchester.
- I _____ (phone) my mother because I _____ (be) worried about her health.