

Past tense contrast

I can talk about the past using a variety of past tenses.

- 1 Complete the table with the **-ing** form, past simple and past participle form of the verbs.

Base form	-ing form	Past simple	Past participle
1 marry			
2 fight			
3 die			
4 meet			
5 retire			
6 think			
7 stop			
8 ride			
9 fall			
10 learn			

- 2 Circle the correct answers.

- My parents **bought** / **were buying** a house just after they got married.
- John **had got engaged** / **was getting engaged** before he left university.
- Liam inherited a lot of money and **was emigrating** / **emigrated** to Australia.
- Did Pam phone** / **Had Pam phoned** while you **watched** / **were watching** television?
- I opened the door and **stepped** / **had stepped** outside. It **rained** / **was raining**.
- I didn't know where you were because you **weren't phoning** / **didn't phone**.
- I **had** / **'d had** this watch for two years when the battery ran out.

- 3 Some of the verb forms and tenses in the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- Why **did you be** angry with Mary? ☐
- Had you eaten** before you **went** out? ☐
- I **couldn't go** out until I **had did** my homework. ☐
- It **wasn't rain** when we **left** the house. ☐
- I **wasn't feeling** well this morning. ☐
- We **was eating** when you **phoned**. ☐
- Where **had** you lunch? ☐

- 4 Write the negative and interrogative form of the sentences.

1 Jason had been to Italy.
Jason hadn't been to Italy.
Had Jason been to Italy?

2 Tom grew up in London.

3 Her parents split up last year.

4 Harry was living in Scotland.

5 Sally had eaten lunch.

- 5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

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- I couldn't pay for the pizzas because I _____ my money at home.
- I put on my coat and _____.
- You didn't understand the question because you _____.
- When we woke up, everything was white because it _____ during the night.
- I borrowed my brother's jacket because I _____ mine.
- It was a really cold day, but the sun _____.

- 6 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

When Sarah Knauss ¹ _____ (die) on 30 December 1999, she ² _____ (live) in Pennsylvania, USA, where she ³ _____ (spend) all her life. At the time of her death, only one person before her ⁴ _____ (live) longer. Sarah ⁵ _____ (have) one daughter, who ⁶ _____ still _____ (live) when Sarah died.

