

SIMPLE PAST – PAST CONTINUOUS

SIMPLE PAST: AFFIRMATIVE FORM

I	watched	TV last night.
You	played	cards with me.
He	washed	his car.
She	met	the new teacher.
It	ran	fast.
We	bought	a new house.
You	played	cards.
They	drank	coffee.

PAST CONTINUOUS: AFFIRMATIVE FORM

I	was	watching	TV.
You	were	playing	cards with me.
He	was	washing	his car.
She	was	meeting	the new teacher.
It	was	running	fast.
We	were	buying	a new house.
You	were	playing	cards.
They	were	drinking	coffee.

I, he, she, it → **WAS**
 we, you, they → **WERE**

SIMPLE PAST: NEGATIVE FORM

I	didn't	watch	TV last night.
You	didn't	play	cards with me.
He	didn't	wash	his car.
She	didn't	meet	the new teacher.
It	didn't	run	fast.
We	didn't	buy	a new house.
You	didn't	play	cards.
They	didn't	drink	coffee.

PAST CONTINUOUS: NEGATIVE FORM

I	wasn't	watching	TV.
You	weren't	playing	cards with me.
He	wasn't	washing	his car.
She	wasn't	meeting	the new teacher.
It	wasn't	running	fast.
We	weren't	buying	a new house.
You	weren't	playing	cards.
They	weren't	drinking	coffee.

didn't + infinitive verb

SIMPLE PAST: INTERROGATIVE FORM

Did	I	watch	TV last night?
Did	You	play	cards with me?
Did	He	wash	his car?
Did	She	meet	the new teacher?
Did	It	run	fast?
Did	We	buy	a new house?
Did	You	play	cards?
Did	They	drink	coffee?

PAST CONTINUOUS: INTERROGATIVE FORM

Was	I	watching	TV?
Were	You	playing	cards with me?
Was	He	washing	his car?
Was	She	meeting	the new teacher?
Was	It	running	fast?
Were	We	buying	a new house?
Were	You	playing	cards?
Were	They	drinking	coffee?

Did + SUBJECT + infinitive verb

WAS → I, he, she, it
WERE → you, we, they

1 Complete the sentences with the PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
- 2 Joe and Sam _____ (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
- 3 Who was that guy you _____ (dance) with at the party?
- 4 Paula _____ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
- 5 In 1999 my father _____ (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
- 6 He _____ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
- 7 This time last week, we _____ (visit) my grandmother.
- 8 I _____ (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
- 9 Andrew _____ (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
- 10 I _____ (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

2 Complete Tom's email with the PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verbs in brackets.



Hi Emma!

Something really strange happened to me today. I (1) _____ (walk) home from school and suddenly lots of fish started falling out of the sky. I couldn't believe it! It (2) _____ (rain) fish! Where (3) _____ they _____ (come) from?

I went home and told my mum and brother, but they said I (4) _____ (not tell) the truth. However, that evening, my mum and dad (5) _____ (watch) the new _____ on TV and they heard the story. Nobody knows why the fish fell out of the sky, but they did. I (6) _____ (not lie)!

See you soon,

Tom



PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

3 Look at the table, then copy and complete rules a) and b) with when and while.

past continuous and past simple

Matt was climbing Everest **when** there was an earthquake.

While the ground was shaking they suddenly saw a 'wall' of snow.

a) We usually use the past simple after _____

b) We usually use the past continuous after _____

4 Write sentences using the PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS.

Jay's mum / cook / when / she / hear a shout.

Jay's mum was cooking when she heard a shout.

1 His brother / eat / when / the lights / go out.

2 His dad / walk down the street / when / the ground / move.

3 Jay's sister / talk to her friends / when / somebody / shout 'Earthquake!'

4 His grandparents / watch TV / when / everything / fall off the shelves.

5 Complete the email with the correct form of PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS.

Hi Ingrid!

We're having lots of adventures on our holiday. While we (1) _____ (stay) at a campsite near a river, we (2) _____ (have) a terrible experience. There (3) _____ (be) a flood while we (4) _____ (sleep). When we (5) _____ (wake up), we (6) _____ (be) wet.

Hope you're having a good summer!

Jack