

Past Simple

or

Past Continuous?

G3 - AT5



Use Past Simple to talk about single actions, permanent situations and habits in the past

YESTERDAY

IN 2005

A LONG TIME AGO

Use Past Continuous to talk about actions in progress, temporary and changing situations in the past.

At this time yesterday

At 5 o'clock last Sunday
while

Form:

(+) + verb in the past

(-) + didn't + infinitive verb

(?) Did + + infinitive verb...?

*emphatic past: + did + infinitive verb

Form:

(+) + was/were + ing form

(-) + wasn't/weren't + ing form

(?) Was/Were + + ing form...?

I read a book yesterday.
I met Sally last year.

I was reading a book at 3 o'clock yesterday.
I met her while I was visiting London.

when + past simple
while + past continuous



Put the verbs in brackets into the correct Past tense, Simple or Continuous:

- ★ The teacher(not come) to school last week because she(be) ill.
- ★ Someone(break) the window while I(sleep).
- ★ When mother(enter) the room she(see) that the little boy(cry).
- ★ While Mary(read) last night, her father(watch) his favourite TV programme.
- ★ They(not arrive) on time last class because they(miss) the bus.
- ★ What..... you (do) when the accident(happen)?
- ★ I(meet) many nice people while I(study) In Paris.

- ★ She(live) in Bucharest in the summer of 2019.
- ★ We(tell) her that she..... (be) too young to fly alone.
- ★ Thomas(do) his homework at 6 o'clock yesterday evening.
- ★ A: Ann, you didn't visit grandma last Sunday.
B: That's not true. I(visit) her, but she wasn't at home. (emphatic past)






Choose the correct form of the verb:

- ♣ I **didn't see/wasn't seeing** them yesterday morning while I **walked/was walking** down the street. Later they **told/were telling** me that they **slept/were sleeping** and that was the reason why we **didn't meet/weren't meeting**.
- ♣ Sarah **drove/was driving** home when the accident **took/was taking** place. She **got/was getting** scared but then she **found out/was finding out** that nobody was hurt.
- ♣ What **did you do/were you doing** when I **called / was calling** at your door? **Did you sleep/Were you sleeping** or **did you watch/were you watching** TV? Your sister told me that you **played/were playing** in the garden but I **didn't believe/wasn't believing** her.

Use **USED TO** to talk about things you did in the past but don't do now, or things you didn't do in the past but you do now.

I **used to like** running when I was a child
(I don't any more)

Form:

- (+)  + used to + infinitive verb
- (-)  + didn't use to + infinitive verb
- (?) Did +  + use to + infinitive verb...?



Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of Used to

- When I was a child, my mum _____ (use-read) to me every night.
- At primary school I _____ (not-use-like) maths.
- _____ (you-use-wear) a school uniform?

- *My sister _____ (use-be) shorter than me but now she's a lot taller.*
- *We _____ (use-live) in a flat, but now we live in a terraced house.*
- *I _____ (not-use-make) my bed every day when I was a kid because my mum _____ (use-make) it.*
- *_____ (your dad-use-work) at the weekend?*