

# Worksheet 1: The Past simple and the past continuous tenses

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Past Simple	Past Continuous
<p><b>Usage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• actions completed in the past I played football last Friday.</li><li>• past habits or routines I played football when I was a child.</li></ul>	<p><b>Usage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an ongoing action in the past which is interrupted by another action I was studying when my father came.</li><li>• parallel actions While I was studying, my mother was washing the dishes.</li><li>• an ongoing action at a specific time in the past At 4 pm last Tuesday, I was working in the office.</li></ul>
<p><b>Affirmative sentence</b></p> <p>Subject+ past verb</p> <p>She wrote a letter.</p>	<p><b>Affirmative sentence</b></p> <p>S. + (was/were) + verb + ing</p> <p>She was studying.</p>
<p><b>Negative sentence</b></p> <p>Subject + didn't + verb (base form)</p> <p>She did not write a letter.</p>	<p><b>Negative sentence</b></p> <p>S. + (wasn't/weren't) + v. + ing</p> <p>She wasn't studying.</p>
<p><b>Interrogative sentence</b></p> <p>Did + subject + verb</p> <p>Did she write a letter?</p>	<p><b>Interrogative sentence</b></p> <p>(Was/Were) + s. + v. + ing</p> <p>Was she studying?</p>

- Spelling Rules
- Past Simple Tense

spelling rules	examples	
1. base form + ed	cook - cooked	push - pushed
2. ending in <b>-e</b> , add <b>-d</b>	live - lived	stare - stared
3. ending in <b>vowel + y</b> , add <b>-ed</b>	play - played	stay - stayed
4. ending in <b>consonant + y</b> , change <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and add <b>ed</b>	copy - copied	carry - carried
5. ending in <b>CVC</b> , double the last consonant, then add <b>(-ed)</b>	plan - planned	scan - scanned
6. irregular verbs	refer to page	

### Verbs end in CVC ( rule 5 )

grab - grabbed	grin - grinned
drag - dragged	trim - trimmed
clap - clapped	drip - dripped
chat - chatted	knit - knitted
rub - rubbed	pit - pitted
plug - plugged	flip - flipped

## Past Continuous Tense

spelling rules	examples
1- add <b>-ing</b>	work - working study- studying
2- ending in consonant + <b>e</b> ,delete <b>(-e)</b> add <b>(-ing)</b>	dance - dancing smile -smiling
3- ending in <b>CVC</b> , double the last consonant, then add <b>(-ing)</b>	knit -knitting plan-planning
4- ending with <b>(-ie)</b> , change the <b>(-ie)</b> into <b>(y)</b> then add <b>(-ing)</b>	lie lying tie tying

## Time clues

## Past Simple

yesterday

**two days ago**

five years days ago

**the day before yesterday**

last year      in 2019      in December



## Past Continuous

at nine o'clock yesterday

from 4 to 7 yesterday

**this time yesterday**

all day yesterday

night all the morning

**while all week as**



• **Test your prior knowledge.**

1. Use the rules to complete each sentence by changing the verb in brackets to the past simple tense.

- a. Karl \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the doors last weekend.
- b. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (wave) at me in the corridor yesterday.
- c. Last Monday, the student \_\_\_\_\_ (scan) the worksheets before the test.
- d. A year ago, the earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) all the bridges and railways.
- e. She \_\_\_\_\_ (fry) three eggs for breakfast three days ago.
- f. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) late last night.

**Let's Practice!**

1. Write the verbs in brackets in the past simple tense correctly.

- a. Kim \_\_\_\_\_ (copy) the text clearly and neatly yesterday.
- b. I \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) to all the questions in the exam before yesterday.
- c. The world \_\_\_\_\_ (pray) for peace last Friday.
- d. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) me to the hospital last week when I fell down.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ your sister \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a house a month ago?
- f. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not/sleep) late last night.

- g. We \_\_\_\_\_ (break) all the rules and got punished last Tuesday.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ your brother \_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework in the afternoon?
- i. I \_\_\_\_\_ my keys the day before yesterday. (lose)
- j. The students \_\_\_\_\_ the answers in the copybook last session. (write)
- k. Last weekend, the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) very pleasant so we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) to the beach.
- l. My Friends \_\_\_\_\_ (be) absent three days ago.
- m. Pamela \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) the ball and scored 2 points last Friday.
- n. Sami and I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to finish our homework before we went to the cinema.
- o. Last summer, my friend and I \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around the south of France. We really \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) ourselves.
- p. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) at the end of the film?  
I thought it was really sad.
- q. You \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) to her yesterday.
- r. I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) my grandmother an email yesterday with a photo but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) how to open the attachment!
- s. My mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) on the floor last night but the screen \_\_\_\_\_ (not/break). That was lucky!

- t. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) the accident. It all \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) very quickly.
- u. My PC was making a strange noise so I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) using it.
- v. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) your friends happy with the project results?

• **Test your prior knowledge**

1. Write the -ing form of the verbs.

1. attach \_\_\_\_\_ 2. tie \_\_\_\_\_ 3. run \_\_\_\_\_
4. die \_\_\_\_\_ 5. give \_\_\_\_\_ 6. get \_\_\_\_\_
7. delete \_\_\_\_\_ 8. clap \_\_\_\_\_ 9. upload \_\_\_\_\_
10. think \_\_\_\_\_ 11. win \_\_\_\_\_ 12. spot \_\_\_\_\_
13. serve \_\_\_\_\_ 14. realise \_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- a. I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
- b. Paula \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
- d. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework while my sister \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.

## Let's Practice!

1. Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- a. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to classical music when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home from school.
- b. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school yesterday, it \_\_\_\_\_ (pour) with rain.
- c. I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to log on when the Wi-Fi \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working.
- d. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) while I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) down the stairs.
- e. He \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) very fast when he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the accident.
- f. While the men \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the gardening, she was \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper.
- g. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not/snow) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) home.
- h. This morning, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up and \_\_\_\_\_ (make) breakfast for everybody.
- i. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) her, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a really nice purple dress.
- j. Last Saturday, we \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up late but we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/miss) the train.
- k. They \_\_\_\_\_ (set) the table while she \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) the meal.

- I. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) happily when a loud noise \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) me up.
- m. What \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 10pm last night?
- n. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the café when you \_\_\_\_\_ (call).
- o. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the library. Next, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a swim. Later, I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Jolie for coffee.
- p. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (study), I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) sleepy.
- q. While my sister \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep), I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a cake.
- r. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (not/pay) attention while she \_\_\_\_\_ (talk).
- s. Where \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) when you saw him?
- t. What \_\_\_\_\_ the kids \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) at 8 pm yesterday?

2. Change the following affirmative sentences into the interrogative form and into the negative form.

a. Sami brought pizza for dinner yesterday.

(inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

(neg.) \_\_\_\_\_

b. John was sleeping on the swing.

(inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

(neg.) \_\_\_\_\_

c. The children sang the songs happily.

(inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

(neg.) \_\_\_\_\_

d. The gardener was digging in the garden.

(inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

(neg.)

e. The boy came in late.

(inter.)————

(neg.)

f. I was looking for my lost earrings.

(inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

(neg.)

g. Sam swept the floor two times yesterday.

(inter.)————

(neg.) \_\_\_\_\_

h. The kids were enjoying their meals that afternoon.

(Inter.) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write a paragraph describing an event in the past.

# Study Sheet: Irregular Verbs

	Infinitive	Past		Infinitive	Past
1	be	was / were	38	deal	dealt
2	see	saw	39	dream	dreamt (dreamed)
3	beat	beat	40	feel	felt
4	bite	bit	41	keep	kept
5	break	broke	42	learn	learnt (learned)
6	choose	chose	43	leave	left
7	drive	drove	44	lose	lost
8	eat	ate	45	mean	meant
9	fall	fell	46	meet	met
10	forget	forgot	47	can	could
11	forgive	forgave	48	cost	cost
12	freeze	froze	49	cut	cut
13	give	gave	50	hit	hit
14	hide	hid	51	hurt	hurt
15	ride	rode	52	let	let
16	rise	rose	53	put	put
17	wake	woke	54	dig	dug
18	write	wrote	55	hang	hung
19	become	became	56	drink	drank
20	come	came	57	ring	rang
21	begin	began	58	run	ran

22	do	did	59	feed	fed
23	go	went	60	find	found
24	blow	blew	61	get	got
25	draw	drew	62	have	had
26	fly	flew	63	hear	heard
27	grow	grew	64	read	read
28	know	knew	65	hold	held
29	bring	brought	66	lead	led
30	buy	bought	67	lay	laid
31	catch	caught	68	make	made
32	fight	fought	69	pay	paid
33	seek	sought	70	say	said
34	build	built	71	sell	sold
35	burn	burnt (burned)	72	understand	understood
36	send	sent	73	take	took
37	speak	spoke	74	have/has	had