

Past Continuous and Simple Past



Decide which tense you need: past continuous or the simple past.

1 We use the past continuous to talk about events and habits that were happening at a certain time in the past. We also use it when two things are happening at the same time in the past. For example: We were watching TV when my friend came round.

We use the past simple to talk about events, states or habits at specific times in the past that happen after one another and are completed. For example: Yesterday I went to school.

How to form the past continuous: Use the simple past of "to be": "was" for I and he/she/it and "were" for you, we and they and then add "-ing" to the verb.

How to form the simple past: For regular verbs add "-ed" to the verb. Be careful with irregular verbs! Learn them by heart!

Dad was lunch	when I arrived with my friends.
○ cooking	
○ cook	
○ cooked	
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Last Monday school	early and I got home in time for my favourite TV series.
O finish	
○ finished	
○ finishing	
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He was always	late to school.
O arrives	
○ arrive	
○ arriving	
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I was listening to music when Me	um me to help her.
○ ask	
O asked	
○ asking	
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The sun was shining, and the bir	ds were as Anna sat down in the park.
○ singing	
○ sing	
○ sang	



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I _	for the test all evening.
\bigcirc	studying
\bigcirc	was studying
\bigcirc	study
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	ey were dancing when the music suddenly
	stop
	stopping
0	stopped
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He	e a pie and cake for the picnic.
	brought
	bring
	bringing
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Mι	um met Dad when they still at school.
\bigcirc	was
\bigcirc	were
\bigcirc	are
•	
U	you read the whole book last night?
$\overline{\bigcirc}$	Do
	Did
	Doing
	Doing
?	
Не	e to watch TV all evening.
	sert the correct form of "use"
?	
Ju	lia was for the exam all night.
	sert the right form for "study"
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Ye	sterday at three o'clock I watching TV.
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W	hen I the doorbell I went to open the door.
Ins	sert the right form of "hear"