

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!

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





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