

Past simple affirmative

Name _____

1 Read the text and **circle** the past simple form of the verbs. Write them.


- a) travel traveled d) walk _____
 b) stay _____ e) stop _____
 c) visit _____ f) return _____



Last summer I traveled to Scotland with my family. First, we stayed in a hotel in Edinburgh, we visited Edinburgh Castle and walked through the old part of the city. Then we went to Inverness by car. We stopped for a picnic and swam in Loch Ness. The water was cold! And five days later we returned home.

2 Look at the text again. Find three more verbs in the past simple.


- a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____

|  PRESENT | PAST SIMPLE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| stay | stayed |
| visit | visited |
| walk | walked |
| return | returned |
| travel | traveled |
| stop | stopped |
| study | studied |

In the **past simple** we use the same form for *I, you, he, she, it, we* and *they*.

3 Write the past simple form of these verbs.

- a) travel _____ d) talk _____
 b) start _____ e) visit _____
 c) study _____ f) play _____

|  PRESENT | PAST SIMPLE |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| be | was / were |
| go | went |
| have | had |
| swim | swam |
| drive | drove |
| get up | got up |
| buy | bought |

a Irregular verbs have special forms for the past.
b There are lists of English **irregular verbs** in books and dictionaries.

4 Match the present form of these irregular verbs with the past simple form.

- 1) be a) had
 2) buy b) swam
 3) drive c) bought
 4) go d) was / were
 5) have e) drove
 6) swim f) went

5 Write these sentences in the past simple.

- a) I play tennis on Saturday.
I played tennis on Saturday.
 b) I go to bed at eleven o'clock.

 c) I watch TV in the evening.

 d) I have milk and cereal for breakfast.

 e) I walk to school.

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1 Complete the sentences.



didn't sing *didn't invent*
didn't play *didn't discover*

- a) Bob Marley didn't sing opera, he sang reggae songs.
- b) Columbus _____ Africa, he discovered America.
- c) Isaac Peral _____ the telephone, he invented the submarine.
- d) Maradona _____ tennis, he played soccer.

| STOP AFFIRMATIVE | | NEGATIVE | |
|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| I | played. | I | didn't play. |
| You | | You | |
| He | | He | |
| She | | She | |
| It | | It | |
| We | | We | |
| You | | You | |
| They | | They | |

To make **negative sentences** in the **past simple**, use **did not (didn't)** + the **verb** in the **base form**.

2 Write the negative form.

- a) I studied. I didn't study.
- b) You went. You didn't go.
- c) He played. _____
- d) She sang. _____
- e) It rained. _____

3 Unscramble the sentences.

- a) didn't / to / school / Kate / yesterday. / go
Kate didn't go to school yesterday.
- b) breakfast / have / Peter / morning. / this / didn't

- c) lunch / home / I / have / didn't / at / yesterday.

- d) speak / They / Spanish. / didn't

- e) the / like / didn't / movie. / We

4 Write the negative form of these sentences.

- a) We played soccer last Sunday.
We didn't play soccer last Sunday.
- b) I went to the park with my friends.
I didn't go to the park with my friends.
- c) She watched a horror movie on TV.

- d) I cooked spaghetti for dinner.


- e) They walked to school.

5 Complete these sentences with information about yourself.

- a) When I was young, I didn't like eating _____
- b) Last Sunday, I didn't go to the _____ with my friends.
- c) Yesterday, I didn't play _____
- d) When I was young, I didn't speak _____

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1 Complete the questions.

|  DID | SUBJECT | VERB | COMPLEMENT |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Did | I | close | the door? |
| | you | study | yesterday? |
| | he | play | basketball? |
| | she | go | to school? |
| | it | snow | last winter? |
| | we | win | the trophy? |
| | they | travel | to China? |

To make **questions** in the **past simple**, use **did** + the **subject** + the **verb** in the **base form**.

Did you Did he Did she Did they

- a) Did you go to the beach?
Yes, I did.
- b) _____ close the door?
No, he didn't.
- c) _____ buy the newspaper?
No, they didn't.
- d) _____ find the treasure?
Yes, she did.



2 Write questions.

- a) I studied. Did I study?
- b) You went. Did you go?
- c) He played. _____
- d) She sang. _____
- e) It snowed. _____
- f) We won. _____
- g) They cooked. _____


3 Unscramble the questions.

- a) William / swimming / Did / yesterday? / go
Did William go swimming yesterday?
- b) breakfast / have / Rachel / morning? / this / Did

- c) coffee? / you / Did / drink

- d) speak / they / English? / Did

- e) in / mountains? / snow / it / Did / the

|  SHORT ANSWERS | AFFIRMATIVE | | | NEGATIVE | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------------|--|
| Yes, | I | did. | No, | I | didn't. | |
| | you | | | you | | |
| | he | | | he | | |
| | she | | | she | | |
| | it | | | it | | |
| | we | | | we | | |
| | you | | you | | | |
| | they | | they | | | |

4 Answer the questions.

- a) Did you drink a glass of milk for breakfast?
Yes, I did.
- b) Did your father invent the Internet?

- c) Did you go to the beach last summer?

- d) Did your mother cook fish for dinner yesterday?

- e) Did you listen to opera music last night?

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1 Read the text and complete the sentences.

When the new teacher came into the classroom, Peter was sitting on the teacher's chair with his feet on the desk. Nora was writing on the board and Harry was looking out of the window. Some students were dancing on their desks, and others were throwing paper planes. The teacher was furious!

~~was sitting~~ ~~were dancing~~ was writing
was taking were throwing was looking

- a) Peter was sitting on the teacher's chair.
- b) Some students were dancing on their desks.
- c) Nora _____ on the board.
- d) Harry _____ out the window.
- e) Some students _____ paper planes.

| STOP AFFIRMATIVE | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------|
| I | was dancing. | Singular |
| You | were dancing. | |
| He | | |
| She | was dancing. | |
| It | | |
| We | | Plural |
| You | were dancing. | |
| They | | |

The **past continuous** is formed by the verb **to be** in the **past** + the **-ing form** of a verb.

2 Change these sentences into the past continuous.

- a) I am talking. I was talking.
- b) You are playing. _____
- c) He is drinking. _____
- d) She is reading. _____
- e) It is raining. _____

3 Unscramble the sentences.

- a) cat / yard. / was / The / in / playing / the
The cat was playing in the yard.
- b) newspaper. / father / My / was / the / reading

- c) were / TV. / We / watching

- d) listening / to / I / music. / was

- e) your / doing / homework. / You / were

4 Answer the questions with verbs in the past continuous.

- a) At 2 pm yesterday, I was having lunch.
- b) Last Saturday at 6 pm, my parents
were watching TV.
- c) At 4 am yesterday, I _____
- d) This morning at 8 am, I _____
- e) At 10 am yesterday, my parents _____

5 Unscramble the sentences.

- a) kitchen. / was / dog / in / the / eating / The

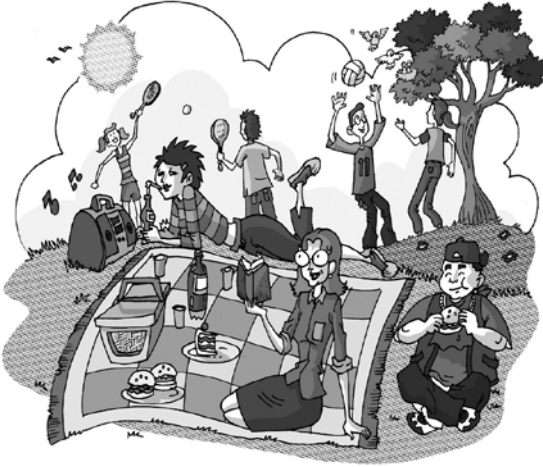
- b) My / cooking / brother / dinner. / was

- c) I / studying / for / an / was / exam.

- d) were / glass / of / drinking / They / water. / a

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1 Look at the picture and complete the sentences.



~~wasn't raining~~ weren't studying
 weren't fighting wasn't shouting
 weren't singing

- It wasn't raining; the sun was shining.
- The students _____ in class; they were having a picnic.
- They _____; they were playing.
- The teacher _____; she was relaxing. She was very happy!
- The birds _____; they were flying in the sky.

| STOP NEGATIVE | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|----------|
| I | was not (wasn't) studying. | Singular |
| You | were not (weren't) studying. | |
| He | was not (wasn't) studying. | |
| She | | |
| It | | Plural |
| We | were not (weren't) studying. | |
| You | | |
| They | | |

To make **negative sentences** in the **past continuous**, use **was / were + not + the verb in the -ing form**.

2 Write the negative form.

- I was dreaming. I wasn't dreaming.
- You were flying. You weren't flying.
- He was playing. _____
- She was dancing. _____
- It was snowing. _____
- We were singing. _____
- They were writing. _____

3 Unscramble the sentences.

- wasn't / at / o'clock. / I / sleeping / eight
I wasn't sleeping at eight o'clock.
- volleyball. / playing / Paul / wasn't

- drinking / beer. / weren't / They

- the / wasn't / Pam / in / kitchen. / cooking

- sun / The / shining. / was

4 Write the negative form of the sentences.

- I was playing dominoes with my friends.
I wasn't playing dominoes with my friends.
- My friends were drinking orange juice.
My friends weren't drinking orange juice.
- My sister was watching TV.

- I was cleaning my room.


- You were reading a book.

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1 Complete the questions.

~~Were you~~ Was your mother
Was your father Were your sisters

- a) Were you cooking?
Yes, I was.
- b) _____ cooking?
No, she wasn't.
- c) _____ helping?
No, they weren't.
- d) _____ cooking?
Yes, he was.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--|
|  | QUESTIONS | | | |
| Was | I | cooking? | Singular | |
| Were | you | cooking? | | |
| Was | he she it | cooking? | Plural | |
| Were | we you they | cooking? | | |

To make **questions** in the **past continuous**, use **Was / Were** + the **subject** + the **verb** in the **-ing form**.

2 Write questions.

- a) I was looking. Was I looking?
- b) You were painting. Were you painting?
- c) He was driving. _____
- d) She was running. _____
- e) It was raining. _____
- f) We were cleaning. _____

3 Unscramble the questions.

- a) it / raining / Was / Puerto Rico? / in
Was it raining in Puerto Rico?
- b) book? / reading / a / Were / you

- c) singing / they / karaoke? / Were

- d) he / talking / in / Was / class?

- e) she / a / Was / horse? / riding

4 Answer the questions.

- a) What were you doing yesterday at 5 am?
I was sleeping.
- b) What were you doing last Saturday at three o'clock in the afternoon?

- c) What were you doing yesterday at seven o'clock in the evening?

- d) What were you doing last Sunday at five o'clock in the afternoon?

- e) What were you doing yesterday at half past nine in the morning?

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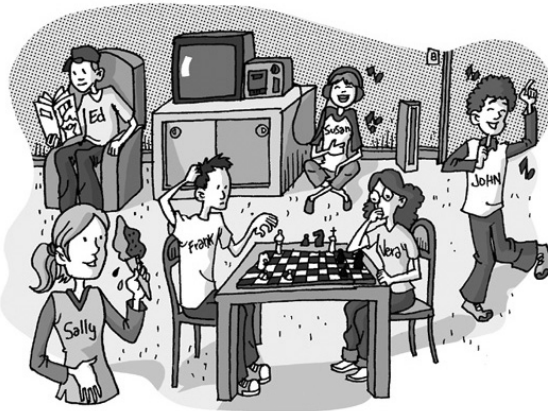
1 Read and underline all the verbs.

- a) They were waiting for the train when the accident happened.
- b) Caroline was skiing when she broke her arm.
- c) When we arrived, he was taking a shower.
- d) When the fire started, I was sleeping.

2 Are the verbs in exercise 1 in the simple or continuous form? Write them in the table.

| Past continuous | Past simple |
|-----------------|-------------|
| were waiting | happened |
| | |
| | |

3 Write past continuous sentences about the picture.



~~dance~~ play chess read a comic
eat ice cream listen to music

- a) John was dancing.
- b) Susan _____
- c) Frank and Vera _____
- d) Sally _____
- e) Ed _____



- a You can use the **past simple** and the **past continuous** in the **same sentence** when you describe past events.
- b The verb in the **past continuous** is usually a long action (an action in progress introduced by **when...**). The action in the **past simple** interrupts the action in progress.

4 Complete the sentences with the past simple.

- a) Columbus (not discover) didn't discover Australia, he (discover) discovered America.
- b) Shakespeare (not write) didn't write *Don Quijote*, Cervantes (write) wrote it.
- c) Neil Armstrong (not walk) _____ on Mars, he (walk) _____ on the Moon.
- d) J. K. Rowling (not write) _____ *Peter Pan*, she (write) _____ *Harry Potter*.

5 Unscramble the sentences.

- a) watching / I / telephone / was / TV, / the / When / rang.

- b) When / you / your / door / mother / were / closed / the / studying,

- c) swimming, / was / started / When / it / to / she / rain.
