

PAST SIMPLE

Form: we add "ed" to all regular verbs,
Irregular verbs must be learnt by heart.

We use the Past Simple for something in the past
which is finished.

He **played** tennis yesterday.

The children **went** to the park this morning.

We use "did" to make questions and "didn't" for
negatives. The verb stays in the base form.

Did you see Bob yesterday?

They **didn't** come to the party on Sunday.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Form: **was/were + verb + ing**

The Past Continuous means that at a time in the past
we were in the middle of an action.

We **were playing** tennis at 4 p.m. yesterday.

They **were eating** when we arrived.

We use: **wasn't/weren't + verb + ing** for negatives:

John **wasn't reading** a book when we arrived.

We use: **was/were + subject + verb + ing** for
questions:

Was she making dinner when you got home?

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs

He _____ (wait) for half an hour before they _____ (arrive).

Where _____ (he/go) when you _____ (see) him?

He _____ (phone) me to say they would be late.

She _____ (talk) to John on the phone when I _____ (walk) in.

_____ (she/know) they _____ (come) to the party?

How many people _____ (sit) in the waiting room when you _____
(arrive)?

I _____ (meet) them in the street while I _____ (shop).

The postman _____ (arrive) while I _____ (leave) the house.

The children _____ (make) so much noise that I _____ (not/hear)
the phone ring.

We _____ (walk) down by the river when it _____ (start) to rain.

The storm _____ (start) while we _____ (drive) back from London.

They _____ (meet) when they _____ (work) in Paris.

What time _____ (she/arrive) last night?

He _____ (break) his foot while he _____ (play) football on Saturday.

I _____ (not/like) to disturb her because she _____ (study).

I _____ (cut) my finger while I _____ (chop) vegetables.