

## 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.