

PAST SIMPLE. Regular verbs.

1. Choose the right verb, make the simple past, and fill the spaces in the following sentences:

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- 1) The boys _____ a very high mountain last winter.
- 2) I read a very sad story yesterday and I _____ a lot.
- 3) Your brother _____ his exam because he _____ enough.
- 4) My father was in Oxford yesterday and _____ in a hotel.
- 5) The school team _____ a football match on Monday.
- 6) When I was in London I _____ in an old book shop.

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- 7) The teacher _____ the pupils to decorate the classroom.
- 8) The King of Spain _____ in Rome when he was a child.
- 9) The car _____ after the crash.
- 10) Peter's dog _____ for him outside the supermarket.
- 11) Last summer I _____ my grandparents in Scotland.
- 12) I was waiting at the station when the train _____ .

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- 13) The woman turned her head and _____ up at the sky.
- 14) The pupils _____ a picture by Picasso in the Art lesson.
- 15) I invited John to dinner, but he _____ to go to a disco.
- 16) I was very hungry, so I went into the kitchen and _____ some eggs and potatoes.
- 17) The pupils _____ to Barcelona in June.
- 18) The teacher _____ the lesson and the pupils _____ their books.

Write the Negative, Interrogative and Short Answers for sentences number:.....1, 7, 9, 10 and 17

Translate sentences number:.....2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16

Complete these sentences with a regular verb.

- 1) Jenny _____ her watch using a screwdriver. (MEND)
- 2) The car passed by the corner and _____ right. (TURN)
- 3) The public _____ their hands after the performance. (CLAP)
- 4) I _____ at the picture in the museum for hours. (LOOK)
- 5) My friend _____ me all her new CDs. (SHOW)
- 6) Peter and Mary _____ when they were twenty-nine. (MARRY)
- 7) Susie _____ a hair-drier to dry her clothes. (USE)
- 8) When I was at school, I _____ about my studies. (WORRY)
- 9) The gangsters _____ a lot of money in a shop near my house. (ROB)
- 10) The architect _____ a lot of workers in the building works. (EMPLOY)

PAST SIMPLE. Irregular verbs.

1. Complete with a verb in the simple past from the list below. Translate the sentences into Spanish:

- 1) The wind was blowing hard, so I _____ up the window panes. (SHUT)
- 2) The film _____ at half past eight. (BEGIN)
- 3) Paul's father _____ him his old collection of comics. (GIVE)
- 4) All the pupils in the graduation party _____ school uniforms. (WEAR)
- 5) John met a girl yesterday and _____ her to see the city. (TAKE)
- 6) My sister _____ Chinese at University. (LEARN)
- 7) I _____ the letter into a hundred pieces. (TEAR)
- 8) The public _____ on their chairs and watched the play in silence. (SIT)
- 9) The old man _____ the whole summer with his family. (SPEND)
- 10) My sister and her husband _____ to Los Angeles yesterday night. (FLY)

2. Complete with a verb in the simple past from the list below. Translate the sentences into Spanish:

- 1) Last night I _____ in my brother's room. (SLEEP)
- 2) The woman _____ a bunch of flowers up in the wind. (THROW)
- 3) Jenny _____ a nice poem for her boyfriend. (WRITE)
- 4) The teacher _____ the duster on the window sill. (PUT)
- 5) We _____ roasted turkey in Xmas night. (EAT)
- 6) I _____ very angry when Sally told me all about it. (FEEL)
- 7) A pupil _____ a portrait of the Maths teacher. (DRAW)
- 8) My brother knocked at the door and _____ into the office. (GO)
- 9) The snow _____ down slowly in soft white flakes. (FALL)
- 10) I went into the sea and _____ in the clean waters under the sun. (SWIM)

3. Complete with a verb in the simple past from the list below. Translate the sentences into Spanish:

- 1) The fisherman _____ a very big salmon. (CATCH)
- 2) My friend _____ with me to the cinema last Saturday. (COME)
- 3) You _____ a great favour to me yesterday, thanks Peter. (DO)
- 4) He _____ the outline of the lion with a pair of scissors. (CUT)
- 5) Jenny jumped over the fence and _____ across the field. (RUN)
- 6) Yesterday afternoon I _____ a new adventure novel. (BUY)
- 7) The pupils _____ lunch at half past one this morning. (HAVE)
- 8) The children _____ a lot of lemonade at the birthday party. (DRINK)
- 9) The silly man _____ the donkey with a stick. (HIT)
- 10) The old woman drank a glass of cold water and _____ a bad cold later. (GET)

4. Complete with a verb in the simple past from the list below. Translate the sentences into Spanish:

- 1) The girl _____ her school books to a friend. (SELL)
- 2) The new group _____ all their great hits. (SING)
- 3) Jenny _____ me her bicycle for the summer holidays. (LEND)
- 4) I was in a hurry, but finally I _____ the train on time. (CATCH)
- 5) Last autumn John _____ a lot of photos in Greece. (TAKE)
- 6) Those gold earrings _____ me fifty pounds. (COST)
- 7) The wind _____ powerfully and the dead leaves fluttered in the air. (BLOW)
- 8) The Watson family _____ some tasteful seafood in the restaurant. (EAT)
- 9) Johnny was studying in his room when the phone _____. (RING)
- 10) My mother _____ a letter to a TV contest yesterday. (SEND)

Write the Negative, Interrogative and Short Answers for sentences: 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22.

Translate sentences number:.....1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 y 30

Past Simple or Past Progressive?

- 1) We use the **past simple** to talk about a **complete** (finished) action (long or short)
We use the **past progressive** for actions which were **not complete** (not finished) at a past time

*Yesterday, he **got up** at 7:00 and **worked** from 9:00 to 4:00*

PAST-----7:00-----9:00-----4:00-----NOW

*Yesterday at 8:00, when John **came** home, I **was reading***

PAST-----8:00-----NOW

Practice 1: past simple or past progressive?

I *lived / was living* in France for nine years.
Sue *lived / was living* in France when her uncle died.
At 6:15, when you phoned, I *had / was having* a shower.
We *watched / were watching* TV all evening.
Bill *watched / was watching* TV when Anne came in.
My father *worked / was working* hard all his life.
They got married while they *studied / were studying* at university.
Yesterday we *drove / were driving* from Oxford to Edinburgh and back.
It was a nice evening yesterday, so I *walked / was walking* home from work.

- 2) We often use the past progressive and the past simple together, for example with **while**.
Past progressive: longer action or situation
Past simple: complete shorter action that happened during the longer action.

While I **was having** a bath,

While I **was talking** to Susan,

PAST-----*-----NOW

PAST-----*-----NOW

the phone **rang**...

Bill **came** into the room...

Practice 2: past simple or past progressive?

While I down the road, I Bill. (walk, see)
While I the newspaper, the cat on the table. (read, jump)
Alan Helen while he in Germany. (meet, travel)
Sally her arm while she (break, ski)
While I, somebody my car (shop, steal)

- 3) We can use **when** in different ways with past tenses:

When Anne came home, John **was cooking** supper. (Anne came home **during** the cooking)

When Anne came home, John **cooked** supper. (**First** Anne came home, **then** John cooked supper)

Practice 3: past simple or past progressive?

When I went out, it (rain)

When Mary got home, she tea. (make)

When I dropped the glass, it (break)

When I phoned him, he (work)

When we asked, they 'No' (say)

When I walked in, they, (talk)

When I saw John, he (shop)

When John saw me, he (stop)

1. Complete this text with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

Jack's father (read) a book last night when he (hear) a noise out in the garden. He (open) the window and looked out. It (be) a dark night and at first he could see nothing. But as he (shut) his window, he (see) a man. The man (try) to climb over the garden wall. He was a thief. When he saw Jack's father at the window, he (jump) off the wall and ran away. Jack's father (run) after him. There was a car at the end of the street, and someone else (wait) for him inside. The thief reached the car, but just as he (get) into it, Jack's father (catch) him.

2. Complete these sentences with the Past Simple and Past Continuous.

The boy was knocked down by a bus as he (cross) the road.
A lot of people (see) the accident while they (wait) for the train.
Just as the doctor (go) to bed there (be) a knock at the door.
Silvia (go) to the British Museum when she (study) at London College.
He (fall) down and (break) his leg while he (play) football.
The travellers (reach) the town as the sun (set).
The foolish boy (jump) off the bus while it (go).
The hunter (shoot) and (kill) the lion just as it (jump).

3. Translate into English using the *Past Simple* and the *Past Continuous*.

- 1) Mi amigo estaba comprando un cuaderno y yo estaba comprando un libro.
- 2) Estábamos escuchando música en la clase cuando llegó el profesor.
- 3) Cuando salí de la oficina, envié tu carta.
- 4) Me encontré a tu hermano mientras corría en el parque.
- 5) Sandra no fue a la fiesta de cumpleaños porque estaba trabajando ese día.

4. Put in the correct tenses: past simple or past continuous.

At six o'clock this morning I (have) a wonderful dream, but then the alarm (go) off.
While I (talk) to Mrs Portens somebody (walk) into my office and (steal) the computer.
I (look) out of the window and (see) that we (fly) over the mountains.
I (wake) up to find that water (drop) through the bedroom ceiling.
I (meet) Nancy when I (go) back home from work this morning. She (shop).
She (tell) me she (have) a bad time with her husband.
I (go) to see how she (be) and found she (cry). When I walked in, they (talk) about Henry.
She (meet) her husband while she (travel) in Egypt. When Jake (come) in everybody (stop) talking.

5. Write the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

When I (come) home my family (clean) the garden.
For lunch yesterday Chris (eat) spaghetti.
I (break) my pen while I (do) my activities.
Peter (turn on) the TV, but nothing (happen).
While we (run) in the park, Mary (fall over).
When Helen (be) at school, she (learn) to speak German.
At seven o'clock Tony (get) out of bed, and (go) into the bathroom.
While Kate (drink) some milk, she (drop) the glass.
Jane (not be) at home when I (visit) her yesterday.
When the teacher (come) into the class, two boys (fight).
This time yesterday I (lie) on the beach.
Yesterday at 12.00 I (sit) on the sofa (watch) TV, then I (hear) the doorbell, so I (stand) up and (go) to open the door.

1. Complete these sentences using the Past Simple ONLY.

The pupils (win) the match, but they (not play) very well.
We (not go) to the cinema, we (go) to a concert
Carmen (not come) to the party because she (be) ill.
When (Ana, buy) the books? Yesterday.
What (you, eat) in the bar? (you, like) it?
I (study) really hard last week, so I (pass) the Maths exam easily.
The driver (stop) the bus at one side of the road.

2. Choose a verb from the list and complete these sentences. Make sure that they make sense.

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He was very tired and _____ for nine hours last night. The baby was ill and _____ all night.
I _____ my hands and face this morning. The teacher _____ a picture on the board.
The children were hungry and _____ all the cakes. Jack's father _____ in London until 1988.
He opened the door and _____ into the room. This lesson _____ twenty minutes ago.
The cat climbed the tree, but the bird _____ away. The boys _____ football last Saturday.
He took the book and _____ at the pictures. She opened her purse and _____ the money.

PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Complete these sentences using the Past Continuous.

1 The sun (set), and a fresh air (blow) in the beach.
2 The children (sing) in the party, and the girls (dance).
3 Yes, all of us (do) many things at the same time. While my father
..... (help) my mother in the garden, my brother Ken (and I
..... (study) our room.

2. Choose the correct tense from those underlined below, and complete with the verb in brackets.

While I was doing / did my homework, I (have) a good idea.
When she (arrive), I was going / went into the kitchen.
Jim was breaking / broke his leg when he (play) rugby.
While Joe was cooking / cooked lunch, his wife (call).
While Maria (cycle) home, she was losing / lost her schoolbag.
While I had / was having a bath, the phone (ring).
I was seeing / saw an old friend while I (travel) in the night train.
Anne was meeting / met Judy while she (do) some shopping.
We were finding / found an old box while we (dig) in the garden.
Someone was taking / took Peter's bag while he (make) a phone call.

11. Translate into English using the *Past Simple*.

- 1) No aprobé el examen de Matemáticas, pero aprobé el examen de Inglés.
- 2) ¿Leíste el periódico ayer?
- 3) No viajé a Francia, viajé a Italia.
- 4) ¿Los alumnos pusieron los libros en el armario?
- 5) ¿Cuándo compraste este ordenador? El martes pasado.
- 6) George visitó a sus abuelos el mes pasado.
- 7) ¿Escribiste a tu tío? No.
- 8) La familia de Jenny se mudó a Londres cuando ella dejó el colegio.
- 9) ¿Te dio Lucy el libro de arte? No, pero me dio una colección de fotos.
- 10) ¿Hiciste los deberes de Inglés? Sí, los hice todos.

12. Translate into English using the *Past Simple* and the *Past Continuous*.

- 1) Mi hermana estaba comprando una revista cuando vio el accidente.
- 2) Sam caminaba hacia su casa cuando se encontró con Jeniffer.
- 3) Estaba escuchando música en mi habitación cuando alguien llamó a la puerta.
- 4) Justo cuando me marchaba de la oficina, llegó tu carta.
- 5) Me rompí un brazo mientras patinaba en el parque.
- 6) Pedro no jugó al fútbol ayer porque estaba estudiando en su casa.
- 7) Estábamos paseando al perro cuando vimos a tu hermano.
- 8) Cuando llegamos al castillo estaba lloviendo.
- 9) Harry no vino a la fiesta anoche porque estaba estudiando para un examen.
- 10) John estaba viviendo en Oxford cuando su padre compró la casa nueva.

13. Translate into English using the *Past Simple* and the *Past Continuous*.

María estaba haciendo los deberes cuando sonó el teléfono.

Yo estaba metiéndome en la cama cuando alguien llamó a la puerta.

Cuando mi madre llegó del trabajo, mi padre estaba cocinando.

Cuando vino el tren, Juan estaba esperando en el andén.

El escenario se derrumbó mientras cantaban.

Estábamos jugando a las cartas cuando una de las sillas se rompió.

Celia leyó un capítulo de la novela mientras almorzaba.

Estábamos paseando al perro cuando vimos a tu hermano.

Yo estaba desayunando cuando oí un grito en la calle.

Collin estaba estudiando en la universidad cuando su hermano se mudó a Bristol.