

Past Tenses



Past Simple

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Past Simple
+ V 2/ed
- didn't V1
? Did ☺ V1



yesterday, yesterday morning / evening
etc., last night / week / Monday etc.,
two weeks / a month / ago etc., in 1998,
when

Use Past Simple:

- Действие произошло в указанное время в прошлом
e.g. He bought a new car two days ago.
- Последовательные действия в прошлом
e.g. She put on her coat, took her bag and left her house.
- Повторяющиеся действия, привычки в прошлом
e.g. He often travelled to London when he was a student.



Past Continuous

Was / were + Ving

while, when, as, all day / night /
morning yesterday, the whole day

Use Past Continuous:

- Действие происходило в определенный момент в прошлом

e.g. We were watching TV at 8 o'clock last night.

- Действие происходило в прошлом и было прервано другим действием

e.g. I was cooking dinner when the phone rang.



- Два и более действий в прошлом происходили одновременно (обычно выполнялись разными людьми)

e.g. I was listening to music while my sister was doing her homework.

- Описание обстановки, на фоне которой произошли события рассказа

e.g. We were walking in the woods. It was raining heavily, the wind was blowing ...



Past Perfect

had + V 3 / ed

before, after, by the time, by, just,
already, for, since, till / untill, when

Use Past Perfect:

- Действие предшествовало другому действию в прошлом

e.g. The children had fallen asleep before their parents came back home.

- Действие завершилось в прошлом и его результаты также видны в прошлом

e.g. He was happy because he had won the race.

- Нужен эквивалент в прошедшем времени для Present Perfect

e.g. She isn't in her office. She has already left.
She wasn't in her office. She had already left.



Past Perfect Continuous

had been + Ving

for, since how long, before, till / untill

- Длительное время в прошлом, которое началось и закончилось в прошлом перед другим действием или описывается его результат

e.g. He had been living in the city for 7 years before he decided to move to the countryside.

The children had been playing in the garden all afternoon and their clothes were dirty.



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1. I saw Jim at the train station. He ...(wait) for his business partner to arrive from NY.

2. When he was single he ...(go) to Spain every winter, but now he has to go to France with his wife and children.

3. In 1939 the Second World War ... (start).

4. His grandmother died last night. She ...(suffer) from cancer for more than a year.

5. Hardly ... (close) the door when the phone rang.

6. I ... ((have) a shower when somebody knocked on my door.

7. They ...(spend) their last winter holiday in Italy.

8. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon they ... (sit) at an outdoor café.

9. Kim looked tired this morning. She ...(study) all night long.

10. People ...(travel) by carriage in those days.

11. She ... (drive) a car, while he ...(play) the guitar.

12. He ...(walk) when he ...(slip) on a banana skin.

13. Bob was really happy! He ...(sing) an important contract.

14. She ...(go) out a lot when she was younger.

15. I ...(drive) for 11 hours, so I felt really exhausted!