

Put the verbs into the correct form (present perfect progressive).

1. He _____ (work) in this company since 1985.

2. I _____ (wait) for you since two o'clock.

3. Mary _____ (live) in Germany since 1992.

4. Why is he so tired? He _____ (play) tennis for five hours.

5. How long _____ (learn / you) English?

6. We _____ (look for) the motorway for more than an hour.

7. I _____ (live) without electricity for two weeks.

8. The film _____ (run / not) for ten minutes yet, but there's a commercial break already.

9. How long _____ (work / she) in the garden?

10. She _____ (not / sit) in the garden for more than an hour.

SIMPLE PAST OR PAST INDEFINITE

The simple past is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that happened or existed before now (in the past).

Things that existed in the past

- Past relationships
- Past features
- Past traits

Sub + was/were

was - I, he, she, it, singulars
were - You, we, they, plurals

And sentences like this where no action is explained

Ashoka was a great king.

He was at the movie yesterday.

We were classmates in our 11th standard.

Things that happened in the past

Sub + 2V

These are the sentences which explain actions that took place at some time in the past.

He read the whole newspaper.

They bought two tickets of the concert.

DID

It is used to frame negative and interrogative sentences in the simple past.

Note: If 'did' is used in a sentence, it will always be followed by 1st form of verb (1V).

Simple past can replace present perfect but present perfect cannot be replaced by simple past.

- I saw a movie yesterday.
- I didn't see a play yesterday.
- Last year, I traveled to Japan.
- Last year, I didn't travel to Korea.
- Did you have dinner last night?
- She washed her car.
- He didn't wash his car.

POSITIVE (+)	NEGATIVE (-)	QUESTION (?)
I started	I did not (didn't) start	Did I start
You started	You did not (didn't) start	Did you start
He started	He did not (didn't) start	Did he start
She started	She did not (didn't) start	Did she start
It started	It did not (didn't) start	Did it start
We started	We did not (didn't) start	Did we start
You started	You did not (didn't) start	Did you start
They started	They did not (didn't) start	Did they start

Put the verbs into the correct form (simple past).

1. Last year I _____ (spend) my holiday in Ireland.

2. It _____ (be) great.

3. I _____ (travel) around by car with two friends and we (visit) lots of interesting places.

4. In the evenings we usually _____ (go) to a pub.

5. One night we even _____ (learn) some Irish dances.

6. We _____ (be) very lucky with the weather.

7. It _____ (not / rain) a lot.

8. But we _____ (see) some beautiful rainbows.

9. Where _____ (spend / you) your last holiday?

10. What _____ (do / you) last evening?

PRESENT PERFECT

OR

PAST SIMPLE TENSE?

1. I _____ (see) him last night.
2. They _____ (go) to England in 1984.
3. I can't find my keys. I _____ (lose) them.
4. Annette _____ (write) many books and is writing another one now.
5. We don't know where he _____ (go). No-one can find him.
6. They _____ (visit) their friends in New Zealand two years ago.
7. I _____ (visit) him in hospital three times this month.
8. We _____ (have) bad weather last week.
9. We _____ (have) great weather this week.
10. I _____ (not/be) to Spain yet.

1. What _____ for dinner last night? (eat/you)
2. _____ South Africa? (visit/Mary)
3. _____ to work by subway this morning? (come/you)
4. What _____ last weekend? (do/he)
5. You work for the bank, right? How long _____ there?
(work/you)
6. How long _____ in your current house?
(live/you)
7. How often _____ swimming when you were a
child? (go/you)
8. How many cups of coffee _____ yesterday? (drink/I)
9. _____ raw fish? (eat/they)
10. Where _____ when you were a student? (live/you)

PAST CONTINUOUS OR PAST PROGRESSIVE

The past continuous tense, also known as the past progressive tense, refers to a continuing action or state that was happening at some point in the past.

Sub + was/were + 1V ing

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

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S + was/were + V-ing

She was cooking all morning.

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S + was/were + not + V-ing

She was not sleeping when he came home.

?

Was/were + S + V-ing?

Was she sleeping when he came home?

- The sun was shining every day that summer.
- As I spoke, the children were laughing at my cleverness.
- The audience was applauding until he fell off the stage.
- I was making dinner when she arrived.
- At 6 o'clock, I was eating dinner.

Put the verbs into the correct form (past progressive).

1. When I phoned my friends, they _____ (play) monopoly.

2. Yesterday at six I _____ (prepare) dinner.

3. The kids _____ (play) in the garden when it suddenly began to rain.

4. I _____ (practice) the guitar when he came home.

5. We _____ (not / cycle) all day.

6. While Aaron _____ (work) in his room, his friends _____ (swim) in the pool.

7. I tried to tell them the truth but they _____ (listen / not) .

8. What _____ (you / do) yesterday?

9. Most of the time we _____ (sit) in the park.