

## PAST SIMPLE – To be

1. Look at the sentences and choose the correct option:

- a. *I/he/she/it* **was/were** in England in 2005.
- b. You/we/they **was/were** in England in 2005.
- c. There **was/were** a guitar.
- d. There **was/were** three drums.

2. Read the paragraph and choose the correct alternatives.

There **a. was/were** four people in the band Led Zeppelin. They **b. were/was** very popular, especially in America. But they **c. weren't / wasn't** from America. They **d. was/were** British. Jimmy Page **e. was/were** the guitarist and Robert Plant **f. was/were** the vocalist. 2005 **g. was/were** a good year for Led Zeppelin. It **h. was/were** the year they **i. were/was** the winners of the important Grammy award for lifetime achievement.

3. Complete the questions about the school. Use **was/were**:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ you at school yesterday?
- b. What \_\_\_\_\_ the name of your English teacher last year?
- c. Who \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend when you \_\_\_\_\_ nine?
- d. When \_\_\_\_\_ your last English Exam?
- e. What \_\_\_\_\_ the name of your primary school?

## Past Simple / Regular – Irregular Verbs

4. Write the past form of the following verbs. Write I (irregular) and R (regular) next to them:

Walk-	Go-	Wash-
Buy-	See-	Need-
Put-	Paint-	Think-
Stay-	Come-	Have-
Find-	Like-	Eat-
Watch-	Leave-	Play-
Do-	Write-	Take-
Make-	Drink-	Finish-

5. Complete Sophie and Carol's dialogue with the **past simple** of the verbs.

**Sophie:** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a good weekend?

**Carol:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sophie:** What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) on Saturday morning?

**Carol:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the shops.

**Sophie:** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in on Saturday afternoon?

**Carol:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. Kate and I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a film at the cinema. But we \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it.

**Sophie:** What about Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) anything special?

**Carol:** No. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a concert on TV but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) the house.

6. Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the **past simple**.

**Alex:** Hi Ben. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) last night?

**Ben:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the maths exam.

**Alex:** Really? I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you at the shopping centre.

**Ben:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out.

**Alex:** Well, Chris and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the shops and I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new computer game. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not stay) at the shops for long. But when we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you and Sue at the café. I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_ (kiss) her.

**Ben:** OK, OK. I admit it! But it isn't what you think. I have to study Romeo and Juliet this term. She just \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) me a part that I \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand).

**Alex:** Really? Well, it's a good story, Ben.

### **Past Simple - Past Continuous**

7. Complete the sentences and questions with the correct form of the **past continuous**.

a. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) in the park yesterday.

b. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) games at the party.

c. Peter and Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) jokes.

d. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 10am yesterday?

e. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at 10pm last night?

f. What \_\_\_\_\_ your friends \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) about in the last break?

8. Read the paragraph and choose the correct alternatives.

My brother told me an embarrassing story. One day he **hung/was hanging** out with his friends when he decided to have something to eat. They **had/ were having** a hamburger when he **saw/was seeing** a beautiful girl at another table. She **sat/ was sitting** on her own. She looked familiar to my brother but he couldn't remember why. He **decided/was deciding** to go and talk to her. They were chatting for a while and then he **asked / was asking** her which school she went to. She **said/was saying**, "Paul, don't you recognize me? I'm the new maths teacher at your school." When my brother looked at his friends they **laughed / were laughing** at him!

9. Complete the questions with the correct forms of the past continuous and past simple.

- What \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up this morning?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ your friends \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at school this morning?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ your mum \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home yesterday afternoon?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when your teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the classroom this morning?
- What subject \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (study) when the last class \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) yesterday?

10. Put the verb in brackets in the correct form of the past continuous.

**Alice:** Who \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) with?

**Bob:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (not dance)

**Alice:** Yes, you \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) you.

**Bob:** Oh. Well, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not dance) I \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) Sue how to dance salsa, that's all.

**Alice:** Oh, really? That's interesting because your friend George \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me out to a salsa club just a minute ago.

11. Read this urban legend and put the verbs in the correct form of the past simple or past continuous.

A friend of mine told me this story. A new pop group \_\_\_\_\_ (**play**) a concert in London. A funny thing \_\_\_\_\_ (**happen**) in the middle of the concert. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ (**sing**) a Robbie Williams song, but in the middle of the song a man \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) to shout "You're terrible! Get off!". The singer \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) again but the man \_\_\_\_\_ (**shout**) "You are terrible. Stop singing!". For a long time the singer \_\_\_\_\_ (**stop**) and \_\_\_\_\_ (**say**) "OK. If you're so good, you come up here and sing!". The man in the audience \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) up on stage with the group. It was Robbie Williams!

**1. Complete this chart:**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Past</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Past</b>
	had	begin	
	cut	do	
Take		leave	
Steal			became
	drank		heard
	put	write	
Make		say	
Find			got
Run			saw
Tell			held

**2. Write the regular past form of the following verbs.**

<b>walk</b>		<b>study</b>	
<b>stop</b>		<b>live</b>	
<b>like</b>		<b>rob</b>	
<b>wash</b>		<b>change</b>	
<b>plan</b>		<b>enjoy</b>	
<b>close</b>		<b>smoke</b>	
<b>carry</b>		<b>cook</b>	
<b>want</b>		<b>love</b>	

**3. Write these sentences in the negative form.**

a. They opened their new shop last week.

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Peter ran ten kilometres yesterday.

\_\_\_\_\_

c. He stopped that horrible noise.

\_\_\_\_\_

d. The secretaries studied German last year.

\_\_\_\_\_

e. I left the party very early yesterday.

\_\_\_\_\_

f. They went on holiday last March.

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple of the correct verbs from the list.**

put up, cook, go, make, take, collect, drink, meet, speak, play, feel, sing

Last weekend I 1. \_\_\_\_\_ camping with my friends. We 2. \_\_\_\_\_ tents and sleeping bags. Three of us 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the tents while the others 4. \_\_\_\_\_ wood and \_\_\_\_\_ a fire. We 6. \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes and 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Coke. In the evening, Tom 8. \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar and everybody 9. \_\_\_\_\_ songs. We 10. \_\_\_\_\_ some French tourists and 11. \_\_\_\_\_ to them in French. At about midnight, we all 12. \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy, so we 13. \_\_\_\_\_ to bed.

## Past Continuous

**1. Finish the following sentences:**

- a. When I got home, my mum \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. I \_\_\_\_\_ while my brother \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. What were you doing yesterday at 5? I \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. When the teacher came into the classroom, my friend \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ when the cat jumped on to the table.
- f. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ when the accident happened.

**2. Put the verbs in the past simple or past continuous:**

When Andrew **1. arrived (arrive)** at Orly airport he 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (look) around but he 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (not can) see anybody there to meet

him. A lot of people in uniforms 4. \_\_\_\_\_(hold) cards with names on them, but they 5. \_\_\_\_\_(not wait) form him. It 6. \_\_\_\_\_(be) a beautiful, sunny day and he 7. \_\_\_\_\_(decide) to go to the hotel on his own. He 8. \_\_\_\_\_(go) out of the airport and 9. \_\_\_\_\_(look) for a taxi. A lot of people 10. \_\_\_\_\_(wait), so he 11. \_\_\_\_\_(decide) to get the airport bus into Paris. The bus 12. \_\_\_\_\_(stop) in the city centre, quite near his hotel and he 13. \_\_\_\_\_(get off). When he 14. \_\_\_\_\_(walk) towards his hotel with his case a car suddenly 15. \_\_\_\_\_(stop) next to him. A woman 16. \_\_\_\_\_(get) out. She 17. \_\_\_\_\_(wear) a uniform and she 18. \_\_\_\_\_(carry) a card which said "Mr Jones". "Mr Jones" she said. "I 19. \_\_\_\_\_(wait) for you at the airport but you 20. \_\_\_\_\_(not see) me!"

**3. Put in simple past or past continuous:**

- They \_\_\_\_\_ the police that they \_\_\_\_\_ cards at 10.00.(tell/play)
- When I \_\_\_\_\_out of the house I took my umbrella because it \_\_\_\_\_. (go/rain)
- When he \_\_\_\_\_ at the café, I \_\_\_\_\_the newspaper. (arrive/read)
- \_\_\_\_\_you \_\_\_\_\_ the football match last night?
- When I \_\_\_\_\_into the room they \_\_\_\_\_ about clothes. (walk/talk)
- At 8 o'clock yesterday morning I \_\_\_\_\_in the sea.(swim)

**4. Put the verbs from the box into the text. Use past simple or past continuous:**

drive open pass pull run shine sing start turn wait
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It was a beautiful morning. The sun 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and birds 2. \_\_\_\_\_. About five thousand people 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the Palace. At 10.00, the guards 4. \_\_\_\_\_ the Palace gates, and the President's car 5. \_\_\_\_\_out and 6. \_\_\_\_\_left into Democracy Street. The crowds 7. \_\_\_\_\_ to sing the National Anthem. Then suddenly, just as the President's car 8. \_\_\_\_\_ the Ritz Hotel, a

man 9. \_\_\_\_\_ out in front of it and 10. \_\_\_\_\_ a gun from his pocket.

**1. Put the verbs in brackets in Past Simple or Past Continuous.**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) you yesterday?

I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a café.

2. Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film when she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the noise.

3. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house, it \_\_\_\_\_ (snow).

4. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) the computer, the electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (go off).

5. The people \_\_\_\_\_ (clap) while the singer \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).

6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the party when we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an accident.

7. My family \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the living room when I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) home.

8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not look) when the thief \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) her bag.

9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not go out) because we \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for our test.

**2. Complete the dialogue. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.**

Reporter: Mr Smith, <sup>1.</sup> ..... you ..... (watch) TV when they  
<sup>2.</sup> ..... (announce) the winner?

Mr Smith: No, I wasn't. I <sup>3.</sup> ..... (sleep). My wife  
<sup>4.</sup> ..... (listen)  
to the radio when she <sup>5.</sup> ..... (hear) the lottery  
results. She <sup>6.</sup> ..... (scream) and  
<sup>7.</sup> ..... (wake) me.

Reporter: Well, what <sup>8.</sup> ..... you ..... (do)?

Mr Smith: I <sup>9.</sup> ..... (get up) to see what was wrong. My wife  
<sup>10.</sup> ..... (laugh) and <sup>11.</sup> ..... (cry) at the same  
time. She <sup>12.</sup> ..... also ..... (wave) the lottery  
ticket!

Reporter: What <sup>13.</sup> ..... (happen) then?

Mr Smith: I <sup>14.</sup> ..... (start) thinking about a holiday in Hawaii.