

was/were

A

last night

now



Now Robert **is** at work.

At midnight last night he **wasn't** at work.

He **was** in bed.

He **was** asleep.

am/is (present) → was (past):

- I **am** tired. (now) I **was** tired **last night**.
- Where **is** Kate? (now) Where **was** Kate **yesterday**?
- The weather **is** good today. The weather **was** good **last week**.

are (present) → were (past):

- You **are** late. (now) You **were** late **yesterday**.
- They **aren't** here. (now) They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

B

positive

negative

question

I he she it	was	I he she it	was not (wasn't)	was	I? he? she? it?
we you they	were	we you they	were not (weren't)	were	we? you? they?

- Last year Rachel **was** 22, so she **is** 23 now.
- When I **was** a child, I **was** scared of dogs.
- We **were** hungry after the journey, but we **weren't** tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive.
- Was** the weather nice when you **were** on holiday?
- Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

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Short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it was .	No,	I/he/she/it wasn't .
	we/you/they were .		we/you/they weren't .

- 'Were you late?' 'No, I wasn't.'
- 'Was Tom at work yesterday?' 'Yes, he was.'
- 'Were Sue and Steve at the party?' 'No, they weren't.'

Exercises

10.1 Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?



- 1 *Joe was in bed.*
- 2 Jack and Kate
- 3 Sue
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

10.2 Write **am/is/are** (present) or **was/were** (past).

- 1 Last year she *was* 22, so she *is* 23 now.
- 2 Today the weather nice, but yesterday it very cold.
- 3 I hungry. Can I have something to eat?
- 4 I feel fine this morning, but I very tired last night.
- 5 Where you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning?
- 6 Don't buy those shoes. They very expensive.
- 7 I like your new jacket. it expensive?
- 8 This time last year I in Paris.
- 9 'Where Sam and Joe?' 'I don't know. They here a few minutes ago.'

10.3 Write **was/were** or **wasn't/weren't**.

- 1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room *was* very small and it *wasn't* clean.
- 2 Mark at work last week because he ill. He's better now.
- 3 Yesterday a public holiday, so the banks closed. They're open today.
- 4 '..... Kate and Ben at the party?' 'Kate there, but Ben
- 5 Where are my keys? They on the table, but they're not there now.
- 6 You at home last night. Where you?

10.4 Write questions from these words + **was/were**. Put the words in the right order.

1 (late / you / this morning / why?) <i>Why were you late this morning?</i>	→ The traffic was bad.
2 (difficult / your exam?)	→ No, it was easy.
3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)	→ They were on holiday.
4 (your new camera / how much?)	→ A hundred pounds.
5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)	→ Because you were late.
6 (nice / the weather / last week?)	→ Yes, it was beautiful.

worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

A

They **watch** TV every evening.
(present simple)

They **watched** TV yesterday evening.
(past simple)

watched is the past simple:

I/we/you/they	watched
he/she/it	



B

The past simple is often **-ed** (regular verbs). For example:

work → worked	dance → danced
clean → cleaned	stay → stayed
start → started	need → needed

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 2005 to 2011.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

try → tried	study → studied	copy → copied
stop → stopped	plan → planned	

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Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

begin → began	fall → fell	leave → left	sell → sold
break broke	find found	lose lost	sit sat
bring brought	fly flew	make made	sleep slept
build built	forget forgot	meet met	speak spoke
buy bought	get got	pay paid	stand stood
catch caught	give gave	put put	take took
come came	go went	read read (red)*	tell told
do did	have had	ring rang	think thought
drink drank	hear heard	say said	win won
eat ate	know knew	see saw	write wrote

* pronounced 'red'

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9 o'clock.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

Exercises

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

~~clean~~ die enjoy finish happen open rain start stay want

- I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
- It was hot in the room, so I the window.
- The film was very long. It at 7.15 and at 10 o'clock.
- When I was a child, I to be a doctor.
- The accident last Sunday afternoon.
- The weather is nice today, but yesterday it all day.
- We our holiday last year. We at a very nice place.
- Anna's grandfather when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Write the past simple of these verbs.

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 get <u>got</u> | 4 pay | 7 go | 10 know |
| 2 see | 5 visit | 8 think | 11 put |
| 3 play | 6 buy | 9 copy | 12 speak |

11.3 Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday Lisa (1) flew from London to Madrid. She (2) up at 6 o'clock in the morning and (3) a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4) home and (5) to the airport. When she (6) there, she (7) the car, (8) to the airport building, and (9) in. Then she (10) breakfast at a cafe and (11) for her flight. The plane (12) on time and (13) in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14) a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

fly, get
have
leave, drive
get, park, walk
check, have
wait, depart
arrive, take

11.4 Write sentences about the past (**yesterday / last week** etc.).

- James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- Kate meets her friends every evening. She yesterday evening.
- I buy a newspaper every day. Yesterday I
- We often go to the cinema at weekends. Last Sunday we
- I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he
- Our friends often come to see us. They last Friday.

11.5 Write sentences about what **you** did yesterday.

- I went to the theatre.
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-
-

I didn't ... Did you ... ? (past simple negative and questions)

A We use **did** in past simple negatives and questions:

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>positive</i>	<i>negative</i>	<i>question</i>
play	I played	I	play?
start	we started	we	start?
watch	you watched	you	watch?
have	they had	they	have?
see	he saw	he	see?
do	she did	she	do?
go	it went	it	go?
		did not (didn't)	did

B **do/does** (present) → **did** (past):

- I **don't** watch TV very often.
I **didn't** watch TV **yesterday**.
- Does** she often go away?
Did she go away **last week**?

C We use **did/didn't** + *infinitive* (watch/play/go etc.):

I **watched** but I **didn't watch** (not I didn't watched)
they **went** **did** they go? (not did they went?)
he **had** he **didn't have**
you **did** **did** you do?

- I **played** tennis yesterday, but I **didn't win**.
- '**Did** you **do** the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't have** time.'
- We **went** to the cinema, but we **didn't enjoy** the film.

D Study the word order in questions:

did + *subject* + *infinitive*

What	Did	your sister	call	you?
How	did	you	do	last night?
Where	did	the accident	happen?	
	did	your parents	go	for their holiday?

E *Short answers*

Yes,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	did.	No,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	didn't.
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- '**Did** you see Joe yesterday?' '**No, I didn't.**'
- '**Did** it rain on Sunday?' '**Yes, it did.**'
- '**Did** Helen come to the party?' '**No, she didn't.**'
- '**Did** your parents have a good holiday?' '**Yes, they did.**'

Exercises

12.1 Complete these sentences with the verb in the negative.

- I saw Barbara, but I didn't see Jane.
- They worked on Monday, but they on Tuesday.
- We went to the post office, but we to the bank.
- She had a pen, but she any paper.
- Jack did French at school, but he German.

12.2 Write questions with Did ... ?

- I watched TV last night. How about you? Did you watch TV last night ?
- I enjoyed the party. How about you?
- I had a good holiday. How about you?
- I finished work early. How about you?
- I slept well last night. How about you?

12.3 What did you do yesterday? Write positive or negative sentences.

- (watch TV) I watched TV. or I didn't watch TV.
- (get up before 7 o'clock) I
- (have a shower)
- (buy a magazine)
- (eat meat)
- (go to bed before 10.30)

12.4 Write B's questions. Use:

arrive cost go go to bed late happen have a nice time ~~stay~~ win

1 A: We went to New York last month. B: Where <u>did you stay</u> ? A: With some friends.	5 A: We came home by taxi. B: How much ? A: Ten pounds.
2 A: I was late for the meeting. B: What time ? A: Half past nine.	6 A: I'm tired this morning. B: ? A: No, but I didn't sleep very well.
3 A: I played tennis this afternoon. B: ? A: No, I lost.	7 A: We went to the beach yesterday. B: ? A: Yes, it was great.
4 A: I had a nice holiday. B: Good. Where ? A: To the mountains.	8 A: The window is broken. B: How ? A: I don't know.

12.5 Put the verb in the correct form – positive, negative or question.

- We went to the cinema, but the film wasn't very good. We didn't enjoy it. (enjoy)
- Tom some new clothes yesterday – two shirts, a jacket and a pullover. (buy)
- '..... yesterday?' 'No, it was a nice day.' (rain)
- We were tired, so we long at the party. (stay)
- It was very warm in the room, so I a window. (open)
- 'Did you phone Chris this morning?' 'No, I time.' (have)
- 'I cut my hand this morning.' 'How that?' (do)
- 'Why weren't you at the meeting yesterday?' 'I about it.' (know)

I was doing (past continuous)

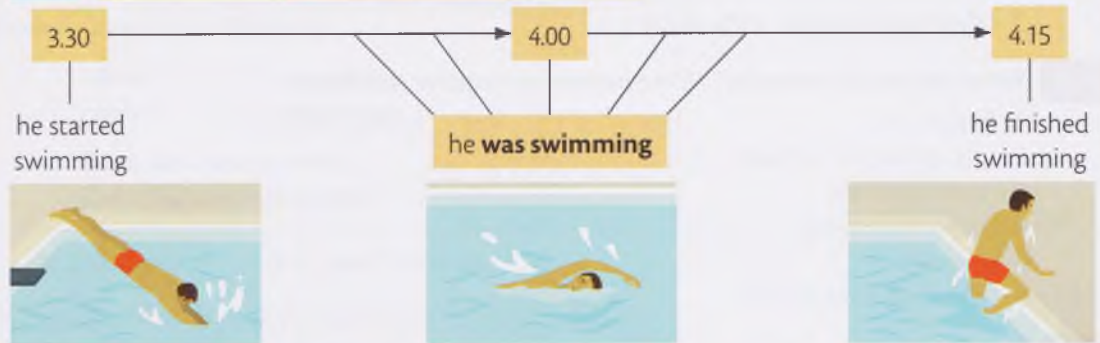
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It is 6 o'clock now.
Paul **is** at home.
He **is watching** TV.

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.
He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.
He **wasn't watching** TV.



B

was/were + -ing is the *past continuous*:

positive

I he she it	was	doing watching playing swimming living etc.
we you they	were	

negative

I he she it	was not (wasn't)	doing watching playing swimming living etc.
we you they	were not (weren't)	

question

was	I he she it	doing? watching? playing? swimming? living? etc.
were	we you they	

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**'
- It **was raining**, so we didn't go out.
- In 2009 we **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.) → Appendix 5

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am/is/are + -ing (*present*) → **was/were + -ing** (*past*):

present

- I'm **working** (now).
- It **isn't raining** (now).
- What **are** you **doing** (now)?

past

- I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- What **were** you **doing** at 3 o'clock?

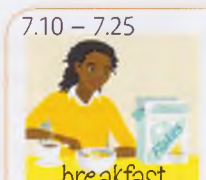
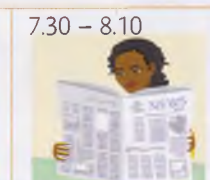



Exercises

13.1 Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.

				
RACHEL	JACK KATE	TOM	TRACEY	MR AND MRS HALL
at home watch TV	at the cinema watch a film	in his car drive	at the station wait for a train	in the park walk

- Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.
- Jack and Kate They
- Tom
-
-
- And you? I

13.2 Sarah did a lot of things yesterday morning. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

		
breakfast		
		

- At 8.45 *she was washing her car.*
- At 10.45 she
- At 8 o'clock
- At 12.10
- At 7.15
- At 9.30

13.3 Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

- (you/live) *Where were you living* in 2012?
- (you/do) at 2 o'clock?
- (it/rain) when you got up?
- (Sue/drive) so fast?
- (Tom/wear) a suit yesterday?

In London.
I was asleep.
No, it was sunny.
Because she was late.
No, a T-shirt and jeans.

13.4 Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



- (wear / a jacket) *He wasn't wearing a jacket.*
- (carry / a bag)
- (go / to the dentist)
- (eat / an ice cream)
- (carry / an umbrella)
- (go / home)
- (wear / a hat)
- (ride / a bicycle)

I was doing (past continuous) and I did (past simple)

A



Jack was reading a book.



His phone rang.



He stopped reading.



He answered his phone.

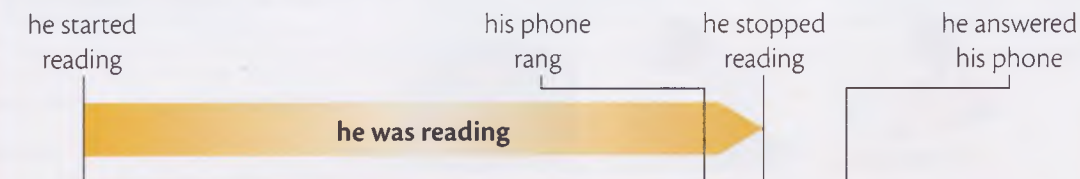
What **happened**? His phone **rang**. (*past simple*)

What **was Jack doing** when his phone rang? } (*past continuous*)
He **was reading** a book.

What **did he do** when his phone rang? } (*past simple*)
He **stopped** reading and **answered** his phone.

Jack began reading *before* his phone rang.

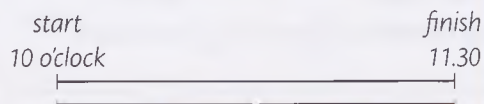
So *when* his phone rang, he **was reading**.



B

past simple

- A: What **did** you **do** yesterday morning?
B: We **played** tennis. (from 10 to 11.30)

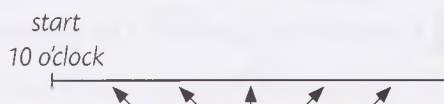


we **played**
complete action

- Jack **read** a book yesterday. (= from beginning to end)
 Did you **watch** the game on TV last night?
 It **didn't rain** while we were on holiday.

past continuous

- A: What **were** you **doing** at 10.30?
B: We **were playing** tennis.



we **were playing**
unfinished action

- Jack **was reading** a book when his phone rang.
 Were you **watching** TV when I phoned you?
 It **wasn't raining** when I got up.
- I **started** work at 9 o'clock and **finished** at 4.30. At 2.30 I **was working**.
 It **was raining** when we **went** out. (= it started raining *before* we went out)
 I **saw** Lucy and Steve this morning. They **were waiting** at the bus stop.
 Kelly **fell** asleep while she **was reading**.

Exercises

14.1 Look at the pictures. Put the verbs in the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



Lucy broke (break) her arm last week.
It (happen) when she (paint) her room. She (fall) off the ladder.



The train (arrive) at the station and Paula (get) off. Two friends of hers, Jon and Rachel, (wait) to meet her.



Yesterday Sue (walk) along the road when she (meet) James. He (go) to the station to catch a train and he (carry) a bag. They (stop) to talk for a few minutes.

14.2 Put the verb into the past continuous or past simple.

- 1 A: What was the weather like when you got (get) up this morning?
B: It was raining (rain).
- 2 A: Was Jane busy when you went to see her?
B: Yes, she (study).
- 3 A: (Paul/call) you this morning?
B: Yes, he (call) while I (have) breakfast.
- 4 A: Was Tracey at work today?
B: No, she (not/go) to work. She was ill.
- 5 A: How fast (you/drive) when the police (stop) you?
B: I'm not sure, but I (not/drive) very fast.
- 6 A: (your team / win) the football match yesterday?
B: The weather was very bad, so we (not/play).
- 7 A: How (you/break) the window?
B: We (play) football. I (kick) the ball and it (hit) the window.
- 8 A: (you/see) Jessica last night?
B: Yes, she (wear) a very nice jacket.
- 9 A: What (you/do) at 2 o'clock this morning?
B: I was asleep.
- 10 A: I (lose) my key last night.
B: How (you/get) into your room?
A: I (climb) in through a window.