

Past Progressive

I was working.

He was eating.

She was dancing.

You were talking.

They were listening.

We were singing.

Past Progressive USAGE:

Use past progressive for actions in progress at a time in the past.

example

explanation

I began studying at 6 pm.

Frank called me at 6:30.

I was studying when Frank called. I was still studying when Frank called.

After I finished talking to Frank,

I continued to study.

Look for "past progressive" key words: at that moment, at that time, while, etc.

1) Suzanne _____ to school when it began to rain. She got very wet.

walked was walking

2) Ferris _____ English for two hours last night because he had a test today.

studied was studying

3) My friend lives in Korea, but he _____ California when I met him.

visited was visiting

4) Lee _____ from Korea. His hometown is Seoul.

came was coming

5) _____ you _____ a new notebook?

Did...buy Were...buying

6) _____ you _____ to the store when the accident happened?

Did...go Were...going

7) Sylvia and Mary _____ friends. They liked to go shopping at the mall together.

were were being

8) One day, they _____ lunch at the mall when they saw a thief.

were eating ate

9) The thief ____ into a woman's purse when Sylvia screamed and pointed at him.

was reaching reached

10) When Sylvia screamed, the thief ____ away. Fortunately, the police caught him outside the mall.

was running ran

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Simple Past & verb to BE

SUBJECT	BE VERB	EXAMPLE
I	was	I was here.
you	were	You were busy.
he	was	He was a friend.
she	was	She was a doctor.
it	was	It was cold today.
we	were	We were hungry.
you	were	You were beautiful.
they	were	They were asleep.

SUBJECT	BE VERB	Contraction	EXAMPLE
I	was not	I wasn't	I wasn't thirsty.
you	were not	you weren't	You weren't here.
he	was not	he wasn't	He wasn't there.
she	was not	she wasn't	She wasn't a mother.
it	was not	it wasn't	It wasn't warm yesterday.
we	were not	we weren't	We weren't sleepy.
you	were not	you weren't	You weren't at work.
they	were not	they weren't	They weren't here.

BE VERB & SUBJECT	(Aff.) Short Answer	(Neg.) Short Answer
Was I correct?	Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
Were you tired?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
Was he asleep?	Yes, he was.	No, he wasn't.
Was she here?	Yes, she was.	No, she wasn't.
Was it warm?	Yes, it was.	No, it wasn't.
Were we students?	Yes, we were.	No, we weren't.
Were you thirsty?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
Were they here?	Yes, they were.	No, they weren't.

Complete the following sentences using was or were:

I busy.

You nice.

He tall.

She beautiful.

It here.

We there.

You both tall.

They interesting

Choose the correct answer:

1) Marsha ____ here yesterday.

wasn't weren't

2) Steven and Kathy ____ here either.

wasn't weren't

3) I ____ at home last night.

wasn't weren't

4) Lena and Sara ____ very busy yesterday.

wasn't weren't

5) The shipping department ____ open yesterday.

wasn't weren't

6) Were Stephan and Kerry here?

No, she wasn't. Yes, they wasn't. No, they weren't.

7) Were you tired?

No, I wasn't. Yes, she was. They were.

8) Was the meeting interesting?

It is not. Yes, it was. Yes, they were.

9) Was the lecture good?

Yes, they were. No, it wasn't. No, she's not.

10) Was Tobias at home when you called?

Yes, he were. Yes, he was. No, we weren't.

Simple past tense &

Irregular verbs

Review your verb lists and then choose the correct answer:

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|---|---|
| 1) BEGIN | 13) SPEAK |
| A) beganned B) began C) beguned D) begon | A) spoke B) speaked C) spike D) spuken |
| 2) FORGET | 14) SWIM |
| A) forgetted B) forgeten C) forgot D) forgott | A) swimmed B) swum C) swam D) swim |
| 3) SELL | 15) CATCH |
| A) selled B) sold C) selld D) sold | A) caught B) caught C) cough D) catched |
| 4) TAKE | 16) GIVE |
| A) tooken B) talked C) taked D) took | A) giv B) gave C) gived D) givet |
| 5) TEACH | 17) SLEEP |
| A) teached B) teachen C) taught D) tought | A) slepp B) slepted C) slept D) sleppen |
| 6) GO | 18) COME |
| A) went B) goed C) goen D) gotten | A) com B) comed C) come D) came |
| 7) BUY | 19) HAVE |
| A) buyed B) buyen C) baught D) bought | A) had B) hadded C) hadd D) haved |
| 8) THINK | 20) SEE |
| A) thought B) taught C) thinked D) thank | A) seen B) seed C) saw D) sawed |
| 9) DRINK | |
| A) draught B) drunked C) drinked D) drank | |
| 10) READ | |
| A) read B) red C) readed D) readen | |
| 11) EAT | |
| A) aet B) eatt C) eated D) ate | |
| 12) DRIVE | |
| A) drived B) drove C) drivenn D) droven | |

Write the correct form of the verb in each blank below.

- (go) 1. Yesterday I _____ to the movies.
- (make) 2. My sister _____ a birthday cake for me last week.
- (ride) 3. Steve _____ his bicycle to school yesterday.
- (drive) 4. My friends _____ to Los Angeles two weeks ago.
- (take) 5. Elizabeth _____ some flowers to her mother last Saturday.
- (break) 6. Kevin _____ his leg while he was playing football.
- (have) 7. Last week my aunt _____ a baby.
- (do) 8. When we cleaned the yard, we _____ a lot of work.
- (drink) 9. The child _____ some milk last night.
- (buy) 10. My teacher _____ some new books last month

Remember these are not the only verbs that have a past form, all the verbs have a past form, but the regular verbs end with ed.

Past progressive

Past progressive is used when you want to talk about a specific moment in the past.

-EXAMPLE-

I **was playing** cards yesterday at 12:00 pm.

Past progressive key words: Yesterday at XX:XX, on (XX month) last year, etc.

Simple Past

Simple past is used when you want to talk about the past in general.

-EXAMPLE-

I **played** cards yesterday.

Simple past key words: yesterday, last year, last month, last vacation...

I. Choose the correct option:

- 1) Suzanne ____ to school when it began to rain. She got very wet.
a) walked b) was walking
- 2) Ferris ____ English for two hours last night because he had a test today.
a) studied b) was studying.
- 3) My friend lives in Korea, but he ____ California when I met him.
a) visited b) was visiting
- 4) Lee ____ from Korea. His hometown is Seoul.
a) came b) was coming
- 5) ____ you ____ a new notebook?
a) Did...buy b) Were...buying
- 6) ____ you ____ to the store when the accident happened?
a) Did...go b) Were...going
- 7) Sylvia and Mary ____ friends. They liked to go shopping at the mall together.
a) were b) were being

- 8) One day, they ____ lunch at the mall when they saw a thief.
a) were eating b) ate
- 9) The thief ____ into a woman's purse when Sylvia screamed and pointed at him.
a) was reaching b) reached
- 10) When Sylvia screamed, the thief ____ away. Fortunately, the police caught him outside the mall.
a) was running b) ran

II. Write the answers OR the questions for the following:

1. Did you go on vacations last year?

_____.

2. (If you did) Where did you go? What did you do?

_____.

3. What did you eat last night for dinner?

_____.

4. _____?

Rosy met her boyfriend at the disco.

5. Were you at the movies last weekend?

_____.

6. _____?

My classmates were studying for the exam yesterday at 8:00 pm.