



Grade: 8A

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Subject: Unit 1 – Grammar Revision – Simple Past and Past Continuous

Simple Past Tense

The Simple Past is used to talk about actions that happened and finished in the past.

1. Regular Verbs

- Most regular verbs in the past tense end in *-ed*. (Review the spelling rules of adding *ed*.)

2. Irregular Verbs

- Irregular verbs have unique past forms that don't follow the *-ed* rule. (Review the list of the most common irregular verbs.)
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3. Questions and Negatives

- Use *did* + base form for questions and negatives.
 - Question: *Did you play soccer?*
 - Negative: *I did not play soccer.*
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4. The Verb "Be"

- Use was or were for the past tense of the verb *be*.
 - Example: *I was happy.*
 - Example: *They were at school.*
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5. Questions & Negatives with "Be"

- For questions and negatives, use *was/were* at the beginning (for questions) or with *not* (for negatives).
 - Question: *Were you at the party?*
 - Negative: *I was not (wasn't) at the party*
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6. Key Words:

yesterday, last (week, year, summer,...) , ago, in (2020, 1950,...)

Past Continuous Tense

The Past Continuous Tense is used to describe actions that were happening at a specific time in the past.

1. Forming Past Continuous

- Use was or were + the verb with -ing.
 - Example: I was playing soccer.
 - Example: They were studying.
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2. Key Words: "When" and "While"

- When is used with the Simple Past, and the other part of the sentence uses the Past Continuous.
 - Example: I was watching TV when the phone rang.
 - (The phone ringing interrupted watching TV.)
 - While is used with the Past Continuous, and the other part of the sentence uses the Simple Past.
 - Example: While I was cooking, the doorbell rang.
 - (Cooking was happening when the doorbell rang.)
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3. "While" with Two Long Actions

- Use while with two Past Continuous actions if **both actions are long** and **happen at the same time** with no interruption.
- Example: While I was reading, she was listening to music.
- (Both actions are long and happened together.)

A. Put the verb between brackets in the correct past form.

1. While I _____ (watch) TV, my friend _____ (call).
 2. When the lights went out, she _____ (read) a book.
 3. They _____ (discuss) the project when the teacher came in.
 4. I was taking a shower when the doorbell _____ (ring).
 5. _____ you _____ (clean) when I called?
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B. Circle the correct answer.

1. The students were _____ on the project during the break.
a. worked b. work c. working
 2. I _____ taking a shower when you called.
a. am b. was c. were d. did
 3. When it started to rain, I _____ in the street.
a. was walk b. walking c. was walking d. walked e. were walking
 4. She _____ when the alarm _____ off.
a. slept – went b. sleeping – went c. was sleeping – went d. slept – was going
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C. Correct the underlined mistake in each sentence.

1. I visited my friend while she were recovering from surgery. _____
 2. Was your mom cook dinner when the guests arrived? _____
 3. We were leaving the party when the music stoped. _____
 4. I didn't sleeping when you called me. _____
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D. Form questions using the prompts below.

1. A: (students / a test / have / last week)
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B: No, they didn't.

2. A: (do / the kids / at 9 pm)
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B: They were playing.

Answer Key

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2. When the lights went out, she was reading (read) a book.
3. They were discussing (discuss) the project when the teacher came in.
4. I was taking a shower when the doorbell rang (ring).
5. Were you cleaning (clean) when I called?

B. Circle the correct answer.

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1. A: (students / a test / have / last week)

Did students have a test last week?

B: No, they didn't.

2. A: (do / the kids / at 9 pm)

What were the kids doing at 9 pm?

B: They were playing.