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Simple Past and Past Continuous Tense

SIMPLE PAST TENSE is used for:

1. A past habit or state.

e.g. Children **played** marbles and cat's cradle in the past.

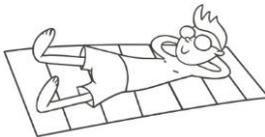


2. A complete action or event which happened at a stated past time.

e.g. I **studied** yesterday afternoon from 2-4 p.m.

3. Past actions which happened one after the other.

e.g. Tim **swam**, then he **sunbathed**.



PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE is used for:

1. An action which was going on over a certain period of time or at a certain point of time in the past.

(The focus is on the duration of the action, but not the completion.)

e.g. While Lucy **was going** to school, she **dropped** her purse.

2. A past action in progress interrupted by another past action.

(The action which started earlier and was going on is in the Past Continuous, the action that happened in the middle of the first action is in the Simple Past.)

e.g. I **was studying** yesterday when the phone **rang**.

3. Actions which were happening at the same time in the past.

e.g. Tim **was swimming** *while* I **was sunbathing**.

While I **was sunbathing**, Tim **was swimming**.

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Yesterday during recess, I _____ did not play _____ (not play) hopscotch with my classmates as I had my choral speaking practice.
2. Aaron _____ was painting _____ (paint) the fence around the house while Josh _____ was cleaning _____ (clean) the windows just now.
3. Dad _____ hung _____ (hang) the picture on the wall a minute ago.

4. Last night, my baby brother _____ was not sleeping _____ (not sleep) when my mum _____ went _____ (go) to check on him.
5. We _____ saw _____ (see) a car accident last night on our way home from dinner while we _____ were walking _____ (walk) along the street.
6. My family could not afford to keep our car, so we _____ sold _____ (sell) it.
7. Harry _____ was looking _____ (look) at the pride of lions through the binoculars when suddenly one lion turned and _____ stared _____ (stare) at him fiercely.
8. Helen _____ broke _____ (break) her arm and _____ hurt _____ (hurt) her head while she _____ was skiing _____ (ski) in Switzerland.
9. While we _____ were searching _____ (search) for information for the group project, Jane _____ received _____ (receive) a phone call from her mom asking her to go home.
10. We _____ were not studying / did not study _____ (not study) for our test all yesterday evening.

B. Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Have you ever heard about Sony's PlayStation? Sony 1) _____ released _____ (release) the PlayStation in 1995 and it was an instant hit. My parents and I love old video games, so we 2) _____ bought _____ (buy) one last Sunday. Even by today's standards, it 3) is _____ (be) really awesome.

I was so excited to play the games that I wanted to play it immediately once I got home. My elder sister 4) _____ was revising _____ (revise) for her exams, which she will have next week, when we 5) _____ returned _____ (return) home. Once my elder sister saw me, she rushed to me and 6) _____ grabbed _____ (grab) the PlayStation from my hand. We turned the PlayStation on and started to play a war game together. While we 7) _____ were having _____ (have) our battle, Dad 8) _____ urged _____ (urge) us to wash our hands and to have our dinner. We 9) _____ did not want _____ (not want) to stop. Dad 10) _____ was setting _____ (set) the table when Mum 11) _____ finished _____ (finish) cooking. We ate our meal quickly so that we could return to our video game.