

Past tense

Past simple :

Use: actions that started and ended in the past with specifying the time

- I did my homework yesterday
- I visited my friend last month

Rule: verb in the past

- add ed, ied, double consonant + ed ^(c+y) ^(cvc)
- irregular verbs (list)

	(to be)	(to have)	(to do)	(to study) ^(c+y)	(to learn) ^{irregular}
I	was	had	did	Studied	learnt
He	was				
She					
It					
You	were				
We					
They					

Rule for negative: verb to be

- was not
- were not

rest of the verbs: did not + root form of the verb

Exercise: Put the verb in the right form

- I _____ (see) that movie last week
- Last year, I _____ (spend) my holiday in Dubai.
- It _____ (not/rain) a lot last winter.
- Last holiday, I _____ (travel) around by car with my friends. It _____ (be) great.

Past Continuous :

Uses: - long action in the past that was interrupted by another action

- I was studying when my friend called me

- I was walking home when I met Layla

- Ongoing event/activity at a specified time

Yesterday at 6pm I was studying

- Two actions that were happening at the same time
(keywords: while/when)

When I was studying, my brother was reading a story

Rule: (verb to be in the past simple) + V-ing

I, He, She, It + was + v-ing

We, You, They + **were+v-ing**

Exercise: Put the verb in the right form

- Salem _____ (clean) his room when he _____ (hear) a noise.

- I _____ (study) while my sister _____ (watch) TV.

- When I _____ (phon) my friends, they _____ (play) football

- We _____ (study) English yesterday at 4pm

Past perfect:

Use: to talk about something that happened before something else that was also in the past

Yesterday, after I had studied, I watched some TV
Past of the past Past

When I got to University, I realized that I had forgotten my book at home

If I had studied hard, I would have passed my exam

Exercise: Put the verb in the right form

- After they _____ (eat) the dinner, they began to feel sick
- The garden was dead because it _____ (be) dry all summer
- Samy didn't arrive until after I _____ (leave)
- If you _____ (listen) to me, you would have got the job.
- When we _____ (finish) dinner, we went out.