

past simple, past continuous & past perfect

- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the *past simple* or *past continuous*.
 - I **was going** (go) to work when my car **broke down** (break down).
 - I _____ (fall down) when I _____ (clean) the windows.
 - I _____ (study) for five hours and then I _____ (go) to sit the exam.
 - Yesterday I _____ (go) to the cinema and later I _____ (meet) my friends.
 - While I _____ (study) my brother _____ (listen) to the radio.
 - I _____ (not go) to the school because I _____ (have) a terrible headache.
- Tick the correct option: *past simple* or *past perfect*.
 - He walked into the bus station only to find that the bus left / had left.
 - My brother told me that Bill died / had died.
 - Where is he? My sister asked / had asked.
 - Lucas was very happy. He got / had got what he was looking for.
 - I was going to leave when I remembered / had remembered I didn't have the key.
 - When I went to the stadium I realized / had realized that the match had been postponed.
 - My sister moved to the house where she lived / had lived when she was a little girl.
 - When I was having a shower I heard / had heard the phone ringing.
- Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.
 - Mark **heard** (hear) a cry for help while he **was swimming** (swim) in the sea.
 - Mary _____ (close) the window because it _____ (rain).
 - I _____ (read) a magazine when the doorbell _____ (ring).
 - Pete _____ (play) in the football final when he _____ (score) a brilliant goal.
 - The last time I _____ (speak) to Mark he _____ (study) law in Manchester.
 - I _____ (phone) my mother because I _____ (be) worried about her health.
- Complete the text. Use the correct form of the *past simple*, *past continuous*, *past perfect simple* or *past perfect continuous*.

Jack Williams was sixteen years old in 1940. He **lived** (live) with his family in a small house in Liverpool. Tom _____ (have) a job in a factory. He _____ (work) there since he was fourteen. One day Tom _____ (walk) along the road to the factory when he _____ (meet) Katy. Katy was younger than Tom and _____ (stay) with her aunt since her mother died. Tom _____ (be) surprised to see her so early in the morning. 'Where are you going?', he asked. 'To the Smith's house,' she replied. 'They _____ (offer) me a job in the kitchens.'

5. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the *past simple* or *past continuous*.

- a. We **were sitting** (sit) in the cafe when I suddenly **felt** (feel) ill.
- b. The last time I _____ (talk) to Ian, he _____ (plan) his next holiday.
- c. Jane _____ (arrive) while I _____ (do) my homework.
- d. As they _____ (walk) along the road, it _____ (began) to rain.
- e. The phone _____ (start) ringing while I _____ (wash) my hair.
- f. The boys _____ (play) football when a dog _____ (run) onto the pitch.

6. Complete the text with the correct form of the *past simple* or *past continuous*.

One day I was **walking** (walk) home from school when I _____ (notice) three young men in front of me. They _____ (just / get) out of a car and they _____ (carry) a blue bag. I _____ (think) it looked very heavy. They _____ (go) to the jeweller's shop on the corner, then suddenly one of the men _____ (throw) the blue bag through the shop window. The other man _____ (run) inside and took some watches and jewellery.