

01 Match the words with their similar meanings.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> afterwards | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> therefore | a. eventually | f. get around |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> however | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> make up mind | b. initially | g. so |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> succeed | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> spread | c. decide | h. later |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> finally | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> in the region of | d. while | i. about |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> during | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> first of all | e. but | j. manage to |

02 Match the words with their opposite meanings.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> life | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> fail | a. keep away from | f. death |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> miracle | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> involve | b. first | g. want |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> after | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> no intention | c. hate | h. die |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> in the end | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> survive | d. buy | i. before |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> sell | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> admire | e. ordinary | j. succeed |

Simple Past Tense

We use "Simple Past Tense" to talk about **events** or **states** in the past.

Affirmative (+)

- I **moved** to Madrid five years ago.
- I **went** to Spain with my friends last summer. It was magnificent.

Negative (-)

- We **didn't go** out yesterday, it was rainy.
- Martin **didn't go** to school yesterday. He **didn't feel** well.

Interrogative (?)

- **Did** you sleep late last night?
- **What time did** you sleep last night?

Past Continuous Tense

We use **"Past Continuous"** to describe actions in progress at a time in the past.

Affirmative (+)

- I **was doing** my homework at 7 o'clock yesterday.
- Kate and Martin **were cleaning** the house when the phone rang.

Negative (-)

- I **wasn't sleeping** when you called me.
- They **weren't having** dinner at 8 yesterday.

Interrogative (?)

- Were** you **playing** a game when I saw you?
- What were** you **doing** at this time yesterday?

Past Perfect Simple

We use the **"past perfect simple"** for an action which happened in the past before another past action. The action happened **earlier** in the past is in the **past perfect simple**, and the action which happened **later** is in the **past simple**.

Affirmative (+)

- Jane **watched** TV after she **had finished** her homework.

Negative (-)

- Frank **was** excited because he **hadn't seen** a play before.

Interrogative (?)

- Had** you **gone** there before we **went** together?
- How much **had** you **studied** before the exam?

03 Read the sentences, tick the appropriate box and write what tense is used.

When Helen arrived home, we had already cleaned the house.

Which action happened first?

Helen arrived. ☐

We had cleaned the house. ☐

Bruce had finished his homework by the time his mother got home.

Which action happened first?

Bruce had finished his homework ☐

His mother got home ☐

When Kate called Mike, he was studying for his exam.

Which action interrupted the other action?

Kate called Mike ☐

He was studying for his exam ☐

04 Look at the table below and write full sentences using past continuous and past simple. In your sentences don't forget to include "while", "when".

The person	What was he/she doing?	What Happened?
Jason	sleep	hear a strange noise
Paul	watch TV	mother came
Emma	walk on the street	fall down
Jennifer	study for the exam	her friend call
Steve	play football	injure himself

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

05 Choose the correct options.

01

David ---- his teeth before he slept.

- a. had brushed b. was brushing

02

After Tina had packed her suitcase, she ---- a taxi.

- a. called b. had called

03

The plane ---- when Nina reached the airport.

- a. left b. had left

04

Billy ---- out after he had finished his project.

- a. went b. was going

05

When I went home, Jane ---- dinner.

- a. cooked b. was cooking

06

Before he finally passed the exam Tom ---- two times.

- a. failed b. had failed

07

My room was a mess because I ---- cleaned it for a month.

- a. wasn't b. hadn't

08

---- you like the meal she had cooked?

- a. Did b. Had

09

After I had spent my holiday in England I ---- to learn English.

- a. wanted b. had wanted

10

---- already when you arrived?

- a. Did they eat b. Had they eaten

06 / Fill in the blanks using past simple and past continuous.



Brian _____ (have) dinner when his mother _____ (come) home.



I _____ (vacuum) the floor when the doorbell _____ (ring).



When Ann _____ (call) her, Rose _____ (study) for the English exam.



Megan _____ (sleep) in the living room when the burglars _____ (break into) the house.



David _____ (break) his arm while he _____ (play) football with his friends.



While Tim _____ (cook) dinner, his son _____ (get) home.

07 / Match the sentences.

1 Martin bought a car

a. _____ when they arrived at the stadium.

2 Nina had lived in Barcelona

b. _____ he hadn't travelled by plane.

3 The children were tired because

c. _____ after he had saved enough money.

4 Before the children came home,

d. _____ before she moved to Berlin.

5 By the time Paul was 20

e. _____ their mother had already cooked.

6 The match had already started

f. _____ they had played football.

08 / Put the verbs in brackets into the "past simple", "past continuous" or "past perfect simple".

1. While Daniel _____ (walk) down the street, he _____ (see) Susan.
2. Frank _____ (feed) the dog before he went shopping.
3. When I _____ (cut) my finger, I _____ (slice) the bread.
4. After she _____ (hear) the news, Nina _____ (run) out of the classroom.
5. When I _____ (arrive) at the office I realised that I _____ (forget) to lock the door.