

# Past simple vs Past continuous - used to/would



Annie was riding her bike when she fell and cut her knee.



It was a lovely spring day. The sun was setting and a gentle breeze was blowing when Anna went for a walk.



On Sunday, Maria was preparing lunch for her friends all morning. After cooking, she tidied the house and then she had a rest.



Monet created many famous paintings.



Yesterday morning, Oliver went to the beach. He was sunbathing while he was checking his emails.



Martin rode to school when he was a child.

## Past simple

Form: regular verb + -ed

AFFIRMATIVE	l/You/He/She/It/We/They
	watched.
NEGATIVE	l/You/He/She/It/We/They
	didn't watch.
INTERROGATIVE	Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they
	watch?
SHORT ANSWERS	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they
	did.
	No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they
	didn't.

Time words/phrases used with the past simple: yesterday, the day before yesterday, last week/ month/year, two hours/days/weeks/months/years ago, when, then, in 2003, etc.

### **Spelling rules**

- Verbs ending in -e take only -d. phone phoned
- Verbs ending in a consonant + y, drop the -y and take -ied. study – studied
- Verbs ending in a vowel + y, take -ed. play played
- Verbs ending in one stressed vowel between two consonants, double the last consonant before the -ed. stop – stopped BUT open – opened, fix – fixed
- Verbs ending in -I, double the I before they take -ed. cancel – cancelled
- Irregular verbs do not form the past simple by adding -ed. break – broke, give – gave

#### Past continuous

Form: was/were + main verb + -ing

AFFIRMATIVE	l/He/She/It was walking.
	We/You/They were walking.
NEGATIVE	I/He/She/It wasn't walking.
	We/You/They <b>weren't walking</b> .
INTERROGATIVE	Was I/he/she/it walking?
	Were we/you/they walking?
SHORT ANSWERS	Yes, I/he/she/it was.
	Yes, we/you/they were.
	No, I/he/she/it wasn't.
	No, we/you/they weren't.

Time words/phrases used with the past continuous: while, when, as, all day/ night/morning, all day yesterday, etc.

#### Pronunciation

The suffix -ed is pronounced:

- /1d/ when the verbs end in a /t/ or /d/ sound. *shifted, landed, afforded*
- /t/ when the verbs end in a /k/, /s/, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /f/ or /p/ sounds. booked, kissed, matched, brushed, laughed, stopped
- /d/ when the verb ends in any other sound. changed, cared, glowed