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## Past simple and past continuous

## 1 Write the past simple form of these regular and irregular verbs.

1 cry	<u>CRIED</u>	8 chat	<u>CHATTED</u>
2 travel	<u>TRAVELLED</u>	9 happen	<u>HAPPENED</u>
3 send	<u>SENT</u>	10 say	<u>SAID</u>
4 enjoy	<u>ENJOYED</u>	11 know	<u>KNEW</u>
5 stop	<u>STOPPED</u>	12 try	<u>TRIED</u>
6 break	<u>BROKE</u>	13 cut	<u>CUT</u>
7 fall	<u>FELL</u>	14 turn	<u>TURNED</u>

## 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

- Last summer, my friend and I TRAVELLED around the south of France. We really ENJOYED ourselves.
- DID you CRY at the end of the film? I thought it was really sad.
- Sarah is very angry. What DID you SAY to her? You CHATTED to her yesterday.
- I SENT my grandmother an email yesterday with a photo but she DIDN'T KNOW (not) how to open the attachment!
- My mobile phone FELL on the floor but the screen DIDN'T BREAK (not). That was lucky!
- I didn't see the accident. It all HAPPENED very quickly.
- My PC was making a strange noise so I STOPPED using it and TURNED it off.
- We TRIED to open the box with a knife but my dad CUT himself. There was blood everywhere!

## 3 Write questions with the past simple.

- When / you / buy / that tablet / ?  
WHEN DID YOU BUY THAT TABLET?
- How much / your new computer / cost / ?  
HOW MUCH DID YOUR NEW COMPUTER COST?
- What / you / do / after school yesterday / ?  
WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL YESTERDAY?
- Why / you / not / call me last night / ?  
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME LAST NIGHT?
- Where / Dad / save / the photos / on the computer / ?  
WHERE DID YOUR DAD SAVE THE PHOTOS ON THE COMPUTER?
- Which files / you / delete / ?  
WHICH FILES DID YOU DELETE?
- How many copies / Gary / print / yesterday / ?  
HOW MANY COPIES DID GARY PRINT YESTERDAY?
- Which company / Steve Jobs / help to start / ?  
WHICH COMPANY DID STEVE JOBS HELP TO START?

## 4 Write the -ing form of the verbs.

1 attach	<u>ATTACHING</u>	8 change	<u>CHANGING</u>
2 tie	<u>TYING</u>	9 upload	<u>UPLOADING</u>
3 run	<u>RUNNING</u>	10 think	<u>THINKING</u>
4 save	<u>SAVING</u>	11 win	<u>WINNING</u>
5 give	<u>GIVING</u>	12 spot	<u>SPOTTING</u>
6 get	<u>GETTING</u>	13 serve	<u>SERVING</u>
7 delete	<u>DELETING</u>	14 realise	<u>REALISING</u>

## 5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I **WAS MAKING** (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
- Joe and Sam **WERE USING** (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
- Who was that guy you **WERE DANCING** (dance) with at the party?
- Paula **WAS COMING** (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
- In 1999 my father **WERE LIVING** (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
- He **WAS OPENING** (open) the box when he cut his finger.
- This time last week, we **WERE VISITING** (visit) my grandmother.
- I **WAS SITTING** (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
- Andrew **WERE INSERTING** (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
- I **WAS STARTING** (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

## 6 Choose the correct options.

- I *listened* / **was listening** to the radio when I *heard* / *was hearing* this fantastic song.
- When the teacher *said* / *was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried* / **was still trying** to finish the last question.
- I feel really silly! While I *danced* / **was dancing**, I *fell* / *was falling* and *broke* / *was breaking* my elbow.
- Tim *played* / **was playing** a computer game when his mum *called* / *was calling* him for lunch.
- I *looked* / **was looking** for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed* / *was noticing* there was a virus.
- Ron *found* / *was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surf*ed / **was surfing** the internet.
- My mum *had* / **was having** breakfast near the computer when she *spilled* / *was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- When you *saw* / *were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go* / **wasn't going** to school, I *went* / **was going** to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- How many pictures *did you take* / *were you taking* while you *travelled* / **were travelling** around Ireland?
- Why *did you chat* / *were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried* / **was trying** to tell you something really important?

## 7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I **SWITCHED OFF** (switch off) the computer because it **WAS MAKING** (make) a strange noise.
- My dad **WAS LISTENING** (listen) to classical music when I **ARRIVED** (arrive) home from school.
- We **WERE PLAYING** (play) video games when my mum **SAID** (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
- My cousin **MET** (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he **WAS LIVING** (live) in Italy.
- My little sister **DREW** (draw) a picture while I **WAS STUDYING** (study) for my French exam.
- While they **WERE TRYING** (try) to fix the computer, all the lights **WENT OUT** (go out).
- When we **LEFT** (leave) school yesterday, it **WAS POURING** (pour) with rain.
- When you **SAW** (see) Paul, **WAS** he **WEARING** (wear) a black jacket?
- I **WAS TRYING** (try) to log on when the WiFi **STOPPED** (stop) working.
- While Dad **WAS PRINTING** (print) an article, the printer **RAN OUT** (run out) of paper.

## 8 Complete the story with the correct past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, when I <sup>1</sup> **WAS TRYING** (try) to do my English homework on my laptop, the battery <sup>2</sup> **RAN OUT** (run out). I <sup>3</sup> **LIED** (lie) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I <sup>4</sup> **WAS** also **CHATTING** (chat) to my friend Daniel on Facebook. OK, so I <sup>5</sup> **WASN'T CONCENTRATING** (not concentrate) very hard on my homework and I <sup>6</sup> **FORGOT** (forget) to plug in my laptop! I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen <sup>7</sup> **WENT** (go) black. I <sup>8</sup> **LOST** (lose) everything. I <sup>9</sup> **WAS SCREAMING** (scream) in frustration. My dad <sup>10</sup> **CAME** (come) running into my bedroom. I <sup>11</sup> **WAS** almost **CRYING** (cry) so he <sup>12</sup> **GAVE** (give) me his laptop. I <sup>13</sup> **WAS TRYING** (try) to remember everything in my essay – it <sup>14</sup> **WAS** (be) quite difficult especially because Daniel was sending me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I was watching one, the WiFi stopped working. In the end it was probably better because I <sup>15</sup> **WAS MANAGING** (manage) to finish the essay.