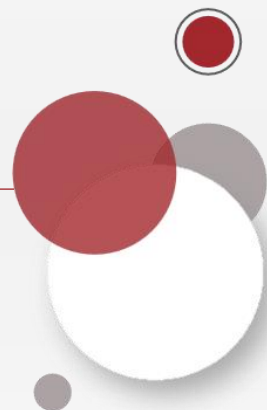




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Lesson 5

- A) Gerund
- B) Simple Past
- C) Past Continuous



A) Gerund

The gerund is formed by verb + ING

1) It is used after prepositions and phrasal verbs

Eg:

I'm very good **at** remember**ING** names.

Before going out she put on make-up.

After leaving school he'll travel for a year.

By reading more they increase their vocabulary.

They drove to San Remo **without** stopping.



Example

He was late so he ...the train without...a ticket.

1) got on, buying 2) got off, buy 3) get in, to buy

4) got, bought 5) got on, he bought

.



2) It is used as the subject of a sentence.

Eg:

- **Eating** out is quite expensive.
- **Reading** is more informative than **watching** TV.
- **Showering** is faster than **bathing** in the tub.



Example

He paid his university fees ...in a pub.

1) was working, 2) worked 3) works 4) has been working
5) working



B) Simple Past

The simple past is formed:

To Be

Affirmative

I was

we/you/they were

he/she/it was

Negative

I wasn't

we/you/ they weren't

he/she/it wasn't

Interrogative

Was I ?

Were we/you/they?

Was he/she/it?



If the verb is not To Be, regular verbs take -ed. If not regular check an irregular verb list.

Past Simple are the same for all persons.

Regular: I/we/you/they/he/she/it	played, walked, climbed
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Irregular: I/we/you/they/he/she/it	ran, sang, ate
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Negative

I/we/you/they/he/she/it **didn't**
(the verb is in the infinitive form)

play/walk/climb/run, sing, eat

Interrogative

Did I/we/you/they/he/she/it

play? walk? climb? run? sing?
eat? (the verb is in the
infinitive form)

Past Simple is used for finished actions in the past.



Exercise: Write the letter below in the Past Simple

Dear Peter,

*Let me tell you about our trip to Hawaii **last summer**.*

- 1) drink/pineapple juice
- 2) sunbathed/on sandy beaches
- 3) surf/on the ocean
- 4) go/sea fishing
- 5) learn/to dance hula
- 6) eat/papaya
- 7) wear/flower garland



Answers:



- 1) We drank pineapple juice.
- 2) We sunbathed on sandy beaches.
- 3) We surfed on the ocean.
- 4) We went sea fishing.
- 5) We learned to dance the hula.
- 6) We ate papaya.
- 7) We wore flower garland.



C) Past Continuous

I was + verb**ING**

we/you/they were + verb**ING**

he/she/it was + verb**ING**

Affirmative

Negative

Interrogative

I was singing.

I wasn't singing.

Was I singing?

We/You/They **were** singing.

We/You/They/ **weren't** singing.

Were we/you/they singing?



Past Continuous is used to describe an action in progress at a specific moment in the past.

Eg.

I was singing when the phone rang.

They weren't singing when the door bell rang.

Were you singing when I phoned?

Past Simple is used for an action completed.

Past Continuous for an action in progress in the past.



That is the end of lesson 5.

Next lesson:

A) Linkers

B) Used to/Be used to/Get used to

C) Setting Conditions provided/as long as/unless

