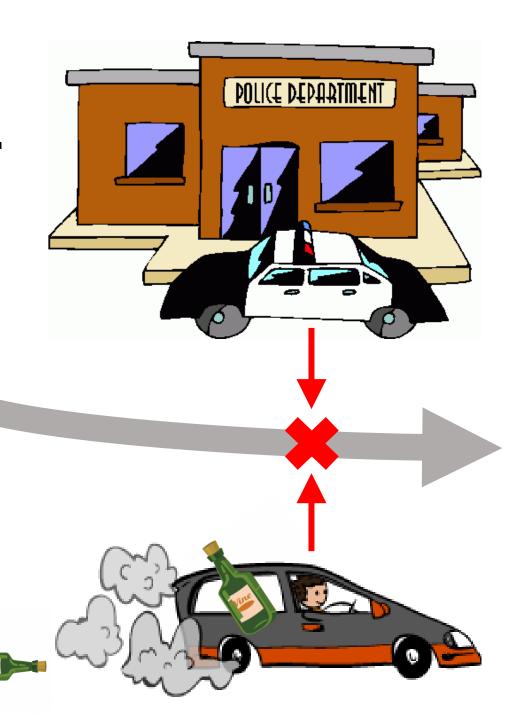
# PAST TENSES



# The police stopped the driver

because he was drunk



Past Simple a single action in the past

+ regular verb + ed + irregular verb past tense

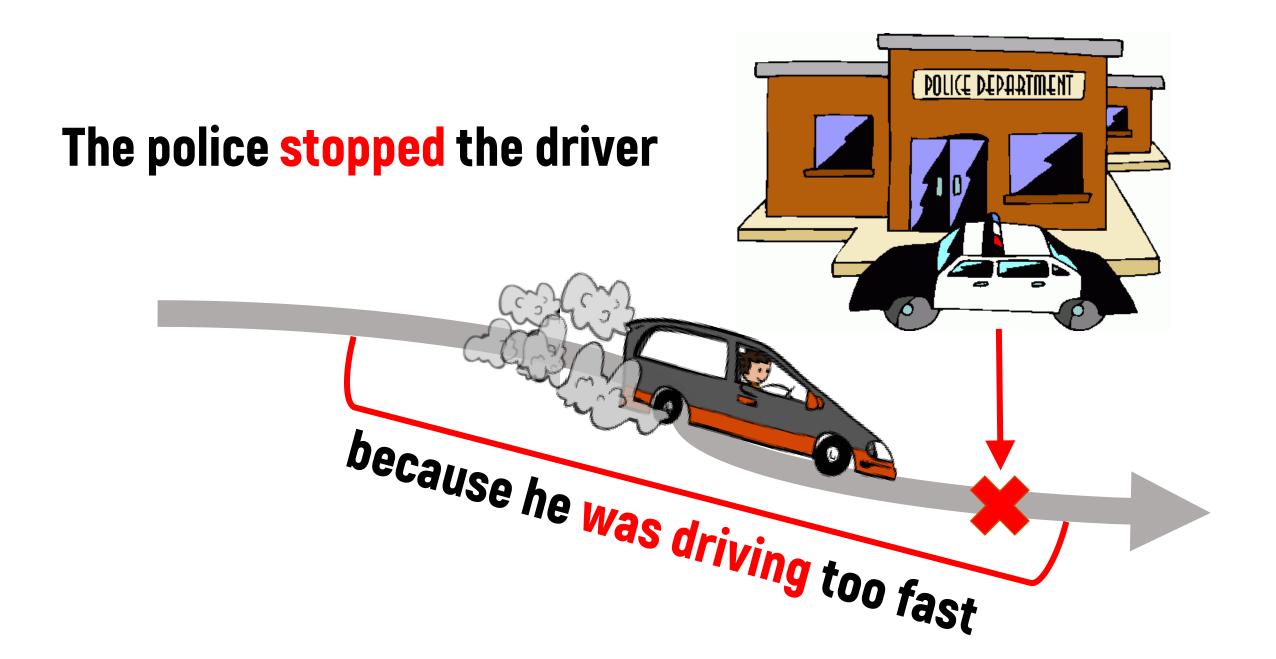
The police stopped him The driver was drunk

+ didn't + verb

He didn't eat

Did + † + verb

Did he crash?



### **Past Continuous**

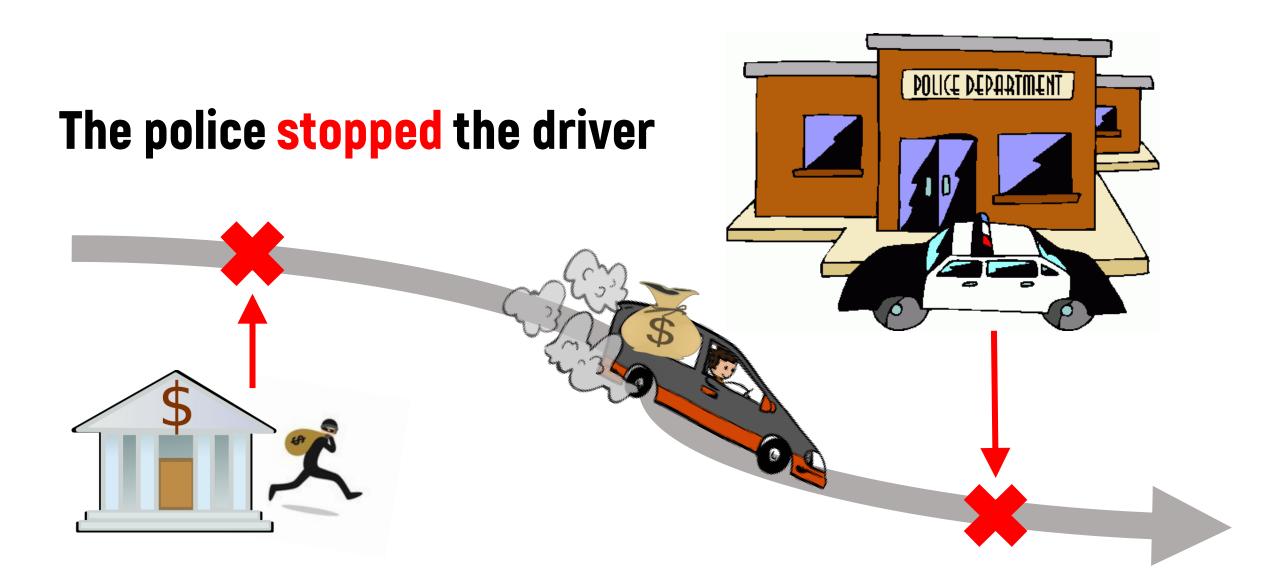
a long "background" action in the past

He was driving
They were watching

+ was/were + not + verb + ing

He was not singing
We were not laughing

Was he crying? Were you smiling?



because he had robbed a bank

#### **Past Perfect**

an action before another action in the past

X

He had robbed a bank
The train had left

I had not called You had not seen

Had he prepared it? Had we known?

## **Practice**

My phone rang	the moment I entered the room	(Past Simple)
	when I was having my lunch	(Past Continuous)
	after I had already had several calls	(Past Perfect)
I woke up at night		(Past Simple)
		(Past Continuous)
		(Past Perfect)
I got the top mark in English		(Past Simple)
		(Past Continuous)
		(Past Perfect)