

Eighth Grade

Unit Two

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Grammar (simple past and past continuous)

We use the past simple for:

- something that started and finished in the past. John made some coffee a few minutes ago.
- past routines and habits (often with adverbs of frequency). Sue never ate fast food at school.
- actions that happened one after the other in the past, for example when telling a story. We went to the park and had a picnic.

Note: We often use these common time expressions with the past simple: yesterday, last night / week / month / summer, a week / month / year ago, twice a week, once a month, at the weekend, in March, in the morning / afternoon / evening, at night, on Thursdays, on Monday mornings, etc.

Affirmative

I / He / She / It / We / You / They cooked.

Negative

I / He / She / It / We / You / They didn't cook.

Questions

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

Short answers

Yes, I / he / she / it did. No, I / he / she / it didn't. Yes, we / you / they did. No, we / you / they didn't.

Spelling: dance → danced $tidy \rightarrow tidied$

 $travel \rightarrow travelled$ $play \rightarrow played$ We use the past continuous for:

- actions in progress at a specific time in the past.
 Mum was making burgers for us at seven o'clock last night.
- two or more past actions in progress at the same time.
 I was cooking while my brother was watching TV.
- giving background information in a story.
 The sun was shining and the children were playing.
- an action in progress in the past that was interrupted by another action.

We were having dinner when the doorbell rang.

Note: We often use these common time expressions with the past continuous: while, as, all day / week / month / year, at ten o'clock last night, last Sunday / week / year, this morning, etc.

Affirmative

I / He / She / It was cooking. We / You / They were cooking.

Negative

I / He / She / It was not (wasn't) cooking. We / You / They were not (weren't) cooking.

Questions

Was I / he / she / it cooking? Were we / you / they cooking?

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.

Spelling: write \rightarrow writing $tidy \rightarrow tidying$ $travel \rightarrow travelling$

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets into the correct tense Past
Simple or Past Continuous.
1 It (snow) when I (leave) home this morning.
2 It was a sunny afternoon and people (sit) on the grass in the park. Then
suddenly it (start) to rain.
3 A: I tried to explain my problem to her.
B: (she/listen)?
4 My brother (talk) on the phone when I arrived, but when he
(see) me, he (finish) the call. Perhaps he thought that I (listen) to
his conversation.
5 I nearly had an accident today. A car (come) towards me, but I moved
quickly out of the way and fortunately nothing (happen).
6 A: Which hotel (you/stay) in when you lost your passport?
B: I don't remember. I (visit) many places during my European tour and I
(stay) in many different hotels.
7 I (move) to Hastings in 1999. I (live) there when I met them.
8(many people / wait) for the 9:15 bus last night?
9 I (dance) with my girlfriend when the disc jockey played our favourite
song.
10 I (study) grammar when I (fall) asleep.

11 The scientists _	(work) in their labo	oratory when they	(discover)
the new drug.			
12 We(climb) the wall when the gar	dener (see) us	5.
13Vicky	(have) a beautiful dream wh	nen the alarm clock	(ring)
14 As he	(run) for the bus he	(collide) with a stree	et lamp.
15 When he	(carry) a suitcase, he	(drop) it on his foc	ot.
16 (you	/ do) your homework on the	e bus while you	(come) to
school?			
17 The students	(read) the article w	when the last class	(finish).
18 When I	(arrive) at the cinema, m	ny friends (wait)) for me.
19 (you	u / listen) to the teacher whe	n she (explain) this exercise?
20 Susan	(play) the piano while Mary	(sing).	
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Write questions or r	negatives sentences:		
a) She visited her pa	rents last weekend.		
Question:		?	
b) He cleaned his ro	om before school.		
Question:		?	
c) The teacher found	d the missing exams.		
Negative:		?	

d) Tom wanted to go to the movies alone.	
Question:?	
e) Helena offered Henrique a piece of cake.	
Negative:?	
f) I knew what to do.	
Negative:?	
g) Alexandre helped Anita with her homework.	
Question:?	
h) You ate cookies after dinner.	
Negative:?	
i) You talked to her earlier.	
Question:?	
j) We turned off the TV after the news.	
Negative:?	
k) He drank only a coke at the party.	
Question:?	
l) Mom made breakfast early.	
Negative:?	

USED TO, BE/GET USED TO

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USED TO

+ infinitive

used to be, used to do, etc.

repeated actions in the past

- When I was a teenager, I used to go dancing every weekend.
- → As a child, I <u>used to</u>

 <u>dream</u> about becoming a

 football player

past states which are no longer true

- He <u>used to be</u> blond as a child.
- I used to love chocolate.

BE USED TO

+ -ing verb / noun

- be used to <u>doing</u>something
- be used to something

=be accustomed to (when something is not strange or difficult any more)

- I'm still not used to driving on the left.
- At first it was hard to get up at 6 a.m., but now I'm used to it.

GET USED TO

+ -ing verb / noun

- get used to <u>doing</u>
 something
- get used to something

=become accustomed to something or doing something

- J've just started my new job and I'm still getting used to working night shifts.
- It might be difficult at first, but you will get used to driving on the left.



USUALLY

USED TO is only past (NOT use to)
USUALLY is used for present habits

- We use to eat out on Saturday.
- We usually eat out on Saturday.

USED TO - FORM

- He used to play football.
- He didn't use to play football.
- Oid he use to play football?

1. At first, I was really nervous about driving in Vancouver, but now I have
it.
2. I don't think I'll ever driving on the left. It's so strange!
3. A: Samantha works very hard.
B: Well, she working hard. She grew up in a very poor family.
4. Lee is Chinese. He to speaking English in the office.
5. The smell of fish is awful, but you'll to it after a couple of
months on the job.
6. There are some things in this life that you'll never
7. I've just bought an Apple computer, and I think it will take me some time
to the new operating system.
8. When I was a teenager, I dress up for Halloween, but not anymore
9. Two years ago, the students have four hours a week of
language tutorials, but now they have five hours.
10. After nine years in Africa, I can say that now I living in this hot
weather. I don't mind anymore.

Writing (an article)

When writing an article:

- · think about who you're writing for and use a suitable style
- · write down your ideas and select the best ones
- organise your information into paragraphs, with the main detail in the middle paragraph(s)
- describe different aspects of the subject
- · use descriptive adjectives to make your writing more interesting
- · give your opinion and say whether you recommend the place to the reader.

Plan

Title

Give your article a title.

Local restaurants

Fernando's

Paragraph 1

Introduce the topic of your article and give the basic details.

I really enjoy going to restaurants ...

There's a small café near my house ...

Paragraph 2

Describe the subject of the article in more detail, including different aspects, e.g. sights, sounds, smells and opinions.

In my opinion ...

... is my favourite ...

The ... is excellent / horrible / tasty.

Paragraph 3

Summarise and give your opinion.

It's a great place for ...

I would / wouldn't recommend ...

Write a short story about the most strange thing you've ever tried.