

6 ****** Use the verbs in brackets to complete the questions and answers.

- 1 A: Where did Jim go (Jim/go) on Saturday evening?
B: He _____ (go) to Mark's party.
- 2 A: What time _____ (you/be born)?
B: I _____ (be born) at three o'clock in the morning.
- 3 A: _____ (Maria/meet) her friends on Tuesday?
B: No, she _____. She _____ (meet) them on Thursday.
- 4 A: _____ (Paul/phone) that girl from the party?
B: Yes, he _____. He _____ (send) her a text too!
- 5 A: How old _____ (be/your grandparents) when they met?
B: They _____ (be) twenty.
- 6 A: When _____ (Angela/start) learning Chinese?
B: She _____ (start) six months ago.

7a ******* Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Pete and Rita met (meet) on holiday in Poland.
- 2 Jack and James _____ (become) rock stars.
- 3 Eddie _____ (not move) to London, he _____ (stay) in Liverpool.
- 4 The concert _____ (not start) at 7 p.m., it _____ (start) at 8 p.m.
- 5 Liz _____ (not write) one email, she _____ (write) six emails.
- 6 Rex and Sophie _____ (fall) in love three months ago.

b Write a question for sentences 1–6 using the verbs in brackets above.

- 1 Where did Pete and Rita meet?
- 2 What _____?
- 3 Did _____ to London?
- 4 What time _____?
- 5 How many _____?
- 6 When _____?

Grammar reference

Past simple

Form

Regular and irregular verbs	
+	<i>They remembered the date.</i> <i>He bought a new watch.</i>
-	<i>They didn't remember the date.</i> <i>He didn't buy a new watch.</i>
?	<i>Did they remember the date?</i> <i>Did he buy a new watch?</i>
Short answers	<i>Yes, they did./No, they didn't.</i> <i>Yes, he did./No, he didn't.</i>

to be	
+	<i>I/He/She/It was hungry.</i> <i>We/You/They were hungry.</i>
-	<i>I/He/She/It was not (wasn't) hungry.</i> <i>We/You/They were not (weren't) hungry.</i>
?	<i>Was I/he/she/it hungry?</i> <i>Were we/you/they hungry?</i>
Short answers	<i>Yes, I/he/she/it was.</i> No, I/he/she/it wasn't. <i>Yes, we/you/they were.</i> No, we/you/they weren't.

Wh- questions

What did she have for lunch yesterday?

Why didn't you come to the party?

Spelling of regular verb forms

Add *-ed* to most regular verbs: *watch* → *watched*

Verbs that end with *-e*, add only *-d*: *live* → *lived*

Verbs that end in consonant + *y*, change *-y* to *-i*: *marry* → *married*

Verbs with one syllable that end in a vowel + consonant, double the final consonant: *stop* → *stopped*

Use

Use the past simple to talk about finished actions/events in the past:

I phoned her yesterday evening.

Time expressions

Use *in* with decades, years and months:

in the 1990s/1929/April

Use *on* with days

on Monday/21st May/your birthday

Use *at* with a specific time or a period of time:
at 11 o'clock/midnight/the weekend/Christmas

Other time expressions

yesterday (morning/afternoon), last (week/year), ten years ago, when she was little

Vocabulary

Life events

1 Find eight life event words. Look → and ↓.

s	d	r	e	n	t	r	j
c	e	a	h	y	t	t	o
h	g	h	o	u	s	e	b
o	r	c	j	k	k	a	x
o	e	n	g	a	g	e	d
I	e	f	y	l	k	z	b
a	r	g	u	m	e	n	t
m	a	r	r	i	e	d	n

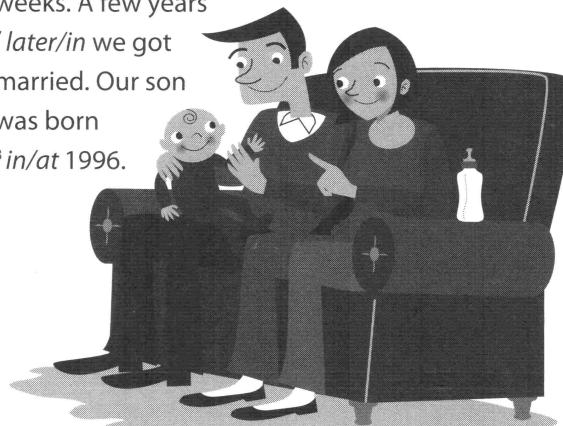
2 Complete the sentences with the verbs below.

[rented got x3 ✓ started
left fell passed had]

- 1 I got married last year.
- 2 Harry fell in love with Sally.
- 3 Last year, I rented a flat in the centre of Warsaw. It wasn't very expensive.
- 4 Mark had an argument with Paul yesterday.
- 5 Anna started school when she was four years old and left when she was eighteen.
- 6 I'm happy because I passed all my exams.
- 7 Did you hear? Mike and Ellen got engaged last week.
- 8 Tom started a degree in Maths.

3 Underline the correct word to complete the text.

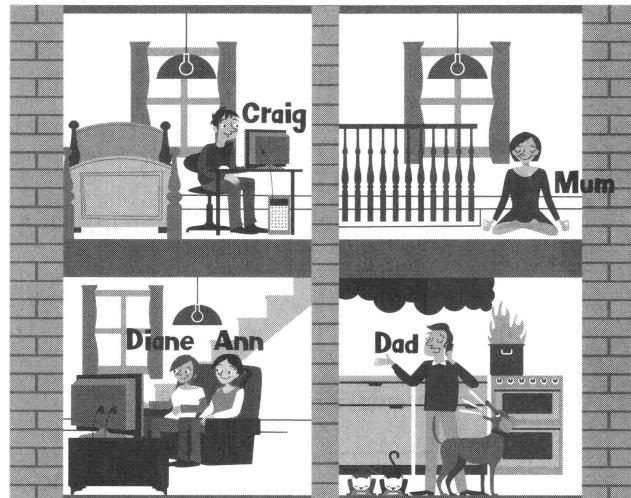
I started university ¹when/then I was seventeen years old. I got a job ²after/later I left university. ³Then/At I moved to New York and started a new job. ⁴Then/After a few months I met some new friends. ⁵When/Then I changed jobs again and met Dave. We started going out ⁶after/later a few weeks. A few years ⁷later/in we got married. Our son was born ⁸in/at 1996.



Grammar

Past continuous

4 **(**)** What were the Jones family doing at 7.30 p.m. last night? Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then look at the pictures and tick (✓) true or cross (✗) false.



- 1 Craig wasn't studying (not study) for his exams.
- 2 Craig chatted (chat) to his girlfriend on the phone.
- 3 Diane and Ann did (do) their homework.
- 4 Mum and Dad didn't cook (not cook) the dinner.
- 5 The food burned (burn) on the cooker.
- 6 Mum watched (watch) TV.

5 **(**)** Look at the pictures in exercise 4 again. Complete the questions and answers with the correct form of the verbs below.

[be x2 watch speak play
eat do x3 cook bark]

- 1 What was Mum doing at 7.30 p.m. last night?
She was doing yoga.
- 2 What were Diane and Ann doing at 7.30 p.m. last night?
They were watching TV.
- 3 What were the dog doing at 7.30 p.m. last night?
It was barking because the dinner was burning.
- 4 Was Dad cooking dinner at 7.30 p.m. last night?
No, he wasn't. He was talking to a friend on the phone.
- 5 Were the cats eating at 7.30 p.m. last night?
No, they weren't. They were some food.

Past simple and past continuous

6 ****** Underline the correct form to complete the sentences.

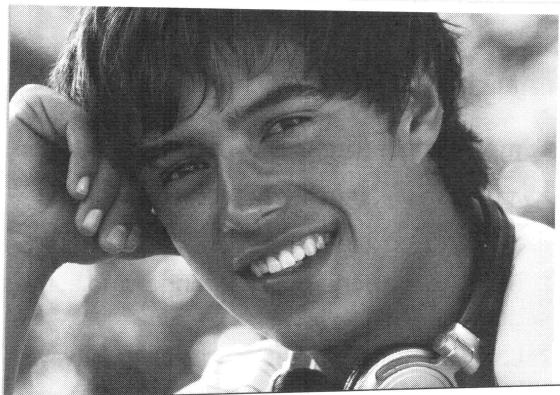
- 1 Angelina Jolie met/was meeting Brad Pitt when they acted/were acting in *Mr and Mrs Smith*.
- 2 It rained/was raining when I walked/was walking to school this morning.
- 3 What did Joe wear/was Joe wearing when you saw/were seeing him?
- 4 I listened/was listening to music when Kate arrived/was arriving.
- 5 Did you go/Were you going to the cinema last weekend?
- 6 What did you do/were you doing after school yesterday?

7 ****** Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- 1 We were doing (do) our homework at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.
- 2 They meet (meet) while they study (study) at university.
- 3 I not listen (not listen) when the teacher explain (explain) the problem.
- 4 We see (see) Sue when we play (play) in the park.
- 5 When I get up (get up) this morning it not rain (not rain).
- 6 What you/do (you/do) when I phone (phone)?
- 7 What you/do (you/do) last weekend?
- 8 I not go (not go) to school yesterday because I be (be) sick.

8 ******* Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs below.

[] decide want meet read hear be born ✓
[] become discover be x2 phone live go



Raul¹ was born in a small town in Spain, but he always² to live in another country. While he³ at university he⁴ about a special programme for students called Erasmus. He⁵ to apply. He⁶ a book at home one day when the organisers⁷ . Raul had a place! He⁸ to Edinburgh in Scotland for a year. While he⁹ in Edinburgh he¹⁰ a Spanish girl. He¹¹ very surprised when he¹² that she was from the same town as him! They¹³ good friends.

Grammar reference

Past continuous

Form

+	I/He/She/It We/You/They	was were	
-	I/He/She/It We/You/They	was not (wasn't) were not (weren't)	<i>working yesterday.</i>
?	Was I/he/she/it Were we/you/they		<i>working yesterday?</i>

Short answers
Yes, I/he/she/it **was**.
No, I/he/she/it **wasn't**.
Yes, we/you/they **were**.
No, we/you/they **weren't**.

Wh- questions	Answers
What were you doing at seven o'clock?	<i>I was studying.</i>
Why were you crying when she came in?	<i>I was sad.</i>

Use

Use the past continuous to talk about actions or events in progress at a time in the past:

I was watching TV at seven o'clock yesterday evening.

At that time, my parents were living in New York.

Past simple and past continuous

The past simple and the past continuous are sometimes used together. The past continuous is used for the action in progress (or the background action) and the past simple for the completed action. Sentences like this usually contain *while* or *when*.

While/When I was walking the dog, I dropped my keys.

I was watching the TV when the phone rang.

They got married in 1992, while they were living in New York.