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“past simple and past continuous”

Past simple and past continuous

The simple past we use when

We want to say that an action occurred in the past. It is the basic form of the past tense in English.

For regular verbs add -ed.

Irregular verbs have their own forms – these need to be memorised.

Example:

Jules lived in Paris last year.

We attended the meeting yesterday.

Structure of the Past continuous with past simple is

subject + auxiliary verb + -ing form of verb + conjunction + past simple

Example:

- I was working when you came to my desk.
- I was working when you came to my desk.

Past continuous: structure.

Subject	aux verb: to be (past simple)
I	was
You	were
He/she/it	was
We	were
You	were
They	were

The continuous past is commonly used to

talk about something that was happening at a particular time in the past.

The negative form of the past continuous

I know adds the word not between the auxiliary verb (in this case to be) and the main verb.

structure for asking questions in the past continuous is

auxiliary verb + subject + -ing form of the verb + rest of sentence

