

## PAST SIMPLE

✚ **Make POSITIVE, INTERROGATIVE and NEGATIVE sentences.**

1. We (arrive) at 9:00 o'clock.
2. This morning I (go) to the supermarket.
3. The teacher (go) to the desk.
4. He (hear) the telephone.
5. Susan (buy) her little sister a doll.
6. We (come) here in 1980.
7. I (work) at *Johnson & Co.* from 1990 to 1995.
8. My brother (live) in London for six years.

✚ **Make questions and answer them using your own words.**

1. How long / stay there?
2. Stay in a hotel?
3. Go alone?
4. How / travel?
5. The weather / fine?
6. What / do in the evenings?
7. Meet any interesting people?

✚ **Complete the dialogue with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.**

- A. Susan! You're back! How.....(be) it? .....you .....(have) a good time?
- B. No. It.....(be) awful.
- A. Why? What happened?
- B. We.....(stay) in a really boring hotel, and James.....(think) the city was dangerous at night so we .....(not go) out much in the evening.
- A. What.....you.....(do) during the day?.....you .....(go) sightseeing?
- B. Yes, we.....(see) all the famous things, but we.....(spend) a lot of money in restaurants. And James .....(buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I .....(not buy) anything.

## PAST CONTINUOUS

✚ **Here is a list of some things that Ann did yesterday (and the times at which she did them):**

1. 8.30-9.00 had breakfast
2. 9.15-10.00 read the newspaper
3. 10.00-12.00 cleaned her flat
4. 12.30-13.30 had lunch
5. 14.30-15.30 washed some clothes
6. 16.00-18.00 watched TV

**Now write sentences saying what she was doing at these times.**

1. At 8.45.....
2. At 9.30.....

3. At 10.30.....
4. At 13.00.....
5. At 15.00.....
6. At 17.00.....

Then, make the previous sentences **NEGATIVE** and **INTERROGATIVE**.

### PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

🌈 Put the verbs into the correct tense: Simple Past or Past Continuous.

1. While Tom ..... (read), Amely.....(watch) a documentary on TV.
2. Marvin.....(come) home, .....(switch) on the computer and .....(check) his emails.
3. The thief.....(sneak) into the house, .....(steal) the jewels and .....(leave) without a trace.
4. Nobody .....(listen) while the teacher.....(explain) the tenses.
5. While we .....(do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends .....(lie) on the beach.
6. He.....(wake) up and .....(look) at his watch.

🌈 Multiple choice exercise: Choose the correct answer.

1. When I saw Dave, he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. is working
  - b. worked
  - c. was working
2. You had a good time at the party, \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  - a. hadn't
  - b. didn't
  - c. weren't
3. \_\_\_\_\_ when the telephone rang?
  - a. Were you sleeping
  - b. Did you sleep
  - c. Were sleeping
4. Dave, when \_\_\_\_\_ the ESL Cafe on the Web?
  - a. were you begin
  - b. began
  - c. did you begin
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ me, did you?
  - a. understood
  - b. weren't understanding
  - c. didn't understand
6. When \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday morning?
  - a. you got up
  - b. did you get up
  - c. were you getting up
7. While I \_\_\_\_\_ to work, I saw an accident.

- a. drove
  - b. was driving
  - c. did drive
8. \_\_\_\_\_ well on this quiz?
- a. Did you
  - b. Were you
  - c. Did you do

### PAST SIMPLE, PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST PERFECT

🌈 Complete the passage with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

When Peter.....(go) to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge in 2006, the results .....(be) disastrous. Peter, who.....(visit) the museum several times before, .....(have) a very unfortunately accident.

As he.....(walk) past some ancient and very valuable Chinese vases, he.....(trip) and .....(fall). The museum staff who .....(rush) to help him.....(discover) that he .....(break) three vases into hundreds of small pieces.

After the incident, the director of the museum.....(send) Peter a letter. He made it clear that he.....(not want) him to visit the museum again. The director obviously thought that Peter was responsible for the incident, many wondered why the museum .....(not take) better care of such valuable vases.