

Narrative tenses: Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect

1. Match Past Continuous sentences with the correct uses.

SAMPLE SENTENCES:

- a) I was washing the dishes when my mom called.
- b) We were living in Berlin at the time.
- c) What were you doing at 8pm yesterday?
- d) While I was playing computer games, my girlfriend was reading a book.
- e) It was a nice day and the sun was shining. We were sitting in our garden.



USES OF PAST CONTINUOUS:

- 1) Describing a scene in a story
- 2) Describing two actions happening at the same time in the past
- 3) Describing a past action in progress interrupted by another event
- 4) Describing an action in progress at a specific time in the past
- 5) Describing temporary situations in the past
- 2. Now, write five sentences representing the different uses of Past Continuous from the previous exercise. Each sentence should include two verbs in the box.

EXAMPLE: When I <u>was driving</u> to work, my boss <u>called</u> to tell me some good news.

buy	ca hear	ll look fo	decide meet	drive see	fall sing	find sit
rain	re	ad ı	ride	walk	watch	wash



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3. Look at the sentences below and decide which action happened first.

EXAMPLE: I didn't pass my exam because I hadn't studied at all. 2nd action 1st action

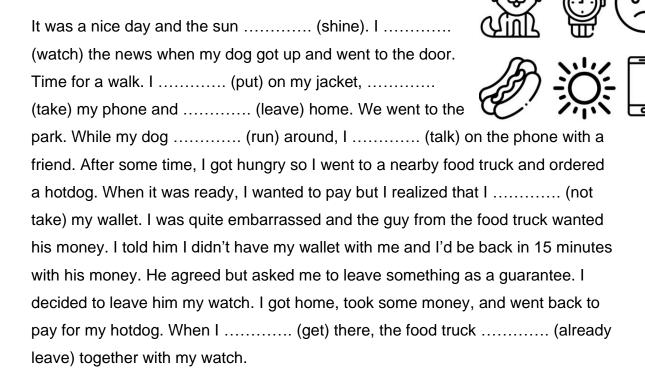
- a) When I came back home, I realized that my car had been stolen.
- b) We hadn't booked the table, so we had to stand in a long queue waiting for a table.
- c) When I got to work, the meeting had already finished.
- d) I missed my train because I had overslept.
- e) I left home, got into the car, and drove to work.
- f) We hadn't done the shopping, so we ordered a pizza.
- 4. Studying the sentences from the previous exercise, choose the correct options in the rules below.
 - a) We use Past Perfect to show which action happened first/second
 - b) We use *Past Simple/Past Perfect* when actions happen immediately after each other
 - c) We use *Past Simple/Past Perfect* to give a reason for some event
- 5. Using Past Simple and Past Perfect, write sentences with the words in the box.

	already	because	realize	SO	when	



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6. Complete the story below using Past Simple, Past Continuous and Past Perfect, and the verbs in brackets.



7. Work in pairs or groups. Come up with a story together. The first person builds a few sentences connected with the first two images. The next person continues the story by building more sentences based on the next two images.







d)



b)





e)





c)



