

# Content Reference

## Topic: Past Simple and Continuous

Use this guide to review the basic grammar content about Past tenses. Pay attention to the structures in bold. The words between parentheses are optional. Use a notebook to create your own guide, with you own information, by creating sentences about yourself when indicated. Copy any examples you don't understand into Google Translate.

Use este guia para revisar o conteúdo gramatical básico do tempo verbal Passado. Preste atenção às estruturas em negrito. As palavras entre parênteses são opcionais. Use um caderno para criar seu próprio guia, com suas próprias informações, criando frases sobre si mesmo quando indicado. Copie todos os exemplos que você não entender no Google Tradutor.

### 1. Past Simple

Use this verb tense to talk about things that started and finished in a specific point of the past. When writing in the affirmative, regular verbs end with *-ed*, and you need to check or memorize the irregular ones.

Use esse tempo verbal para falar sobre coisas que começaram e terminaram em um ponto específico do passado. Ao escrever no afirmativo, os verbos regulares terminam com *-ed*, e você precisa verificar ou memorizar os irregulares.

#### Verb to be

*Affirmative – Subject + verb to be + (adverb) + quality or state + (complement)*

**I was** at home last night. – **Subject + verb to be + state + complement.**

*Negative – Subject + verb to be + not + (adverb) + quality or state + (complement)*

**We were not** on vacations. – **Subject + verb to be + not + state.**

*Interrogative – (Wh- word) + verb to be + subject + (not) + (adverb) + (quality or state) + (complement) ?*

**What was** your teacher's name? – **Wh- word + verb to be + subject + quality + ?**

**Was she** a nice teacher? – **Verb to be + subject + quality + ?**

**Were they not** at work last Monday? – **Verb to be + subject + not + state + complement ?**

**Why was he not** in class? – **Wh- word + verb to be + subject + not + state + ?**

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Tell where you were last night.
- Ask how someone's vacations were.
- Ask and tell where someone's keys were.
- Ask how someone's dinner was.
- Tell how old you were when you learned how to ride a bike.

## Other verbs

*Affirmative – Subject + (adverb) + main verb[-ed] + (object) + (complement)*

**I frequently studied** English in my vacations. – **Subject + adverb + main verb + object + complement.**

**She worked** as a teacher last year. – **Subject + main verb + complements.**

*Negative – Subject + auxiliary verb (did) + not + (adverb) + main verb + (object) + (complement)*

**You did not** sleep well last night. – **Subject + aux. verb + not + main verb + complements.**

*Interrogative – (Wh-) + auxiliary verb (did) + (adverb) + not + main verb + (object) + (complement) + ?*

**What time did you study** yesterday? – **Wh- + aux. verb + subject + main verb + complement + ?**

**Did you often** speak English? – **Aux. verb + subject + adverb + main verb + object + ?**

**Did he not** have time to study? – **Aux. verb + subject + not + main verb + object + complement + ?**

**How did we not** see this? – **Wh- + aux. verb + subject + not + main verb + object + ?**

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Tell where you lived when you were a child.
- Ask where someone studied.
- Ask and tell what you had for lunch.

## 2. Past Continuous

Use this verb tense to talk about things that were happening, or not, in the past.

Use esse tempo verbal para falar sobre coisas que estavam acontecendo, ou não, no passado.

*Affirmative – Subject + verb to be + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) + (complement)*

**She was already speaking** English. – **Subject + verb to be + adverb + main verb + object.**

*Negative – Subject + verb to be + not + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) + (complement)*

**We were not** missing classes. – **Subject + verb to be + not + main verb + complement.**

*Interrogative – (Wh-) + verb to be + subject + (not) + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) + ?*

**What was he** watching? – **Wh- + verb to be + subject + main verb + ?**

**Were you feeling** sad last morning? – **Verb to be + subject + main verb + quality + complement + ?**

**Was it not raining** when you left? – **Verb to be + subject + not + main verb + complement + ?**

**Why was he not** eating lunch? – **Wh- + verb to be + subject + not + main verb + object + ?**

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Ask and tell what you were doing during vacations.
- Ask and tell when someone was studying.
- Ask and tell how your mother was feeling last week.