

PAST TENSES – REVISION

Choose the correct form of the verb, Past Simple or Past Continuous.

- 1 They *fell / were falling* in love when they *worked / were working* in Rome.
- 2 She *read / was reading* quietly in her room when suddenly the lights *went / were going* out and she *heard / was hearing* a scream.
- 3 I *saw / was seeing* you in the park yesterday. You *sat / were sitting* with your arm round Tom.
- 4 Why *didn't they visit / weren't they visiting* me when they were in London?
- 5 What *did you write / were you writing* when your computer *crashed / was crashing*?

Past Simple or Past Continuous?

Circle the correct tense.

- 1 I *lived / was living* in Eastbourne when I *met / was meeting* my husband.
- 2 Our team *played / was playing* really well. We *won / were winning* at half time, but in the end we *lost / were losing* 3–2.
- 3 I *didn't think / wasn't thinking* of having a birthday party, but now I'm glad I *had / was having* one.
- 4 I'm so tired. The baby next door *was coughing / coughed* all night long and we *weren't getting / didn't get* any sleep.
- 5 It *was snowing / snowed* when I *got up / was getting up* this morning. The children next door *made / were making* a snowman, so I quickly *put / was putting* on some warm clothes and *raced / was racing* outside to help them.

Which happened first? Write **True** or **False**.

- 1 I drove to the house but Cathy had left.
*First Cathy left, then I arrived. **True***
- 2 The class had started when I arrived.
First I arrived, then the class started. ____
- 3 We had just finished painting the fence when it started to rain.
First we finished painting, then it rained. ____
- 4 She'd been walking home when the storm began.
First she started walking, then the storm began. ____

Past Simple or Past Perfect:

1. She (tell) us that she (already, be) to Paris.
2. By the time we (reach) the station the train (leave).
3. The little boy (refuse) to admit that he (eat) the chocolate.
4. Brian and Teresa (know) each other for ten years before they (get) married.

. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PAST SIMPLE, PAST PERFECT OR PAST CONTINUOUS:

When the teacher (arrive), they (play) in the back of the classroom.

She (walk) down the street when she (trip) on the pavement.

We (walk) in the mountains when we (hear) a piercing scream.

They (have) so much fun at the party, so they (decide) to stay.

1. I (drive) my new car when I (have) the accident.

1. This time last week I (sit) on the beach.
2. What (do, you) when the accident occurred?
I (change) a light bulb that (burn) out.
3. Sebastian (arrive) at Susan's house a little before 9:00 pm, but she (be, not) there. She (study) at the library for her final examination in French.
4. After I (find) the wallet full of money, I (go) immediately to the police and (turn) it in.
5. What (you, say) when you met her?
6. By the time he (reach) the airport, the plane (take off, already).
7. The bank robbers (escape) before the police (arrive).