

Unit Five:

Past simple (I did)

Very often the past simple ends in -ed (regular verbs)

- 1- We invited them to our party but they decided not to come.
- 2- The police stopped me on my way home last night.
- 3- She passed her examination because she studied very hard

But many verbs are (irregular):

See..... saw. We saw Rose in town a few days ago.

Shut.....shut. It was cold, so I shut the window.

In questions and negatives we use did/didn't + infinitive (enjoy , see , go etc.)

I enjoyed.	Did you enjoy?	I didn't enjoy.
She saw.	Did she see?	She didn't see.
They went.	Did they go?	They didn't go.

The past of be (am/ is/ are) is (was/ were):

I/ he/ she/ it (was/ wasn't)	(was) I /he/ she/ it?
We /you/ they (were/ weren't)	(were) we/ you /they

Exercises:

5.1 A friend has just come back from holiday. You ask him about it:

- 1- (go /alone?).....?
- 2- (food/ good?)?
- 3-(how long/ stay there?).....?
- 4-(stay/ at a hotel?).....?

5.2 Put the verb into the correct form (positive or negative)

- 1- Sarah was very busy, so I her. (disturb)
- 2- The bed was uncomfortable. I very well. (sleep)
- 3- We went to Kate's house but she.....at home. (be)
- 4- The hotel wasn't expensive. It..... very much. (cost)
- 5- It was a funny situation but nobody.....(laugh)

Unit Six

Past continuous (I was doing)

We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time.

Ex: This time last year I was living in Brazil.

Compare the past continuous (I was doing) and past simple (I did)

Past continuous	Past simple
I was walking home when I met Dave.	I walked home after the party last night

We use the past simple to say that one thing happened after another.

Ex: when Karen arrived we were having dinner. = (We had already started dinner before Karen arrived)

Ex: When Karen arrived, we had dinner. = (First Karen arrived and then we had dinner)

There are some verbs (for example, **know/ want/ believe) that are not normally used in the continuous:**

Ex: We knew each other well.

Exercise:**Put the verbs into correct form, past continuous or past simple**

- 1- What..... (you/ do) this time yesterday? I was asleep.
- 2-(you /go) out last night?
- 3- We were in a very difficult position. We(not/ know) what to do.
- 4- I(walk) along the street when suddenly i.....(hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody(follow) me. I was frightened and I(start) to run.
- 5- When I was young, I(want) to be a bus driver.

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