

PAST SIMPLE

Positive

I/You/We/They }
He/She/It } finish**ed**

Questions

Did I/you/we/they }
he/she/it } finish?

Negative

I/You/We/They **did not** **didn't** }
He/She/It LONGFORM SHORTFORM } finish

We use the **Past Simple**:

1. for actions that happened at a definite or stated time in the past, we know when they happened
(*yesterday, last year, etc*)
2. for actions which happened repeatedly in the past (*with always, often, usually, etc*)
3. for actions which happened immediately one after another

We use **USED TO** to talk about past habits or things that do not happen anymore.

PAST CONTINUOUS

Positive

I/He/She/It **was** }
You/We/They **were** } cooking

Questions

Was I }
Was he/she/it } cooking?
Were you/we/they }

Negative

I **was not** **wasn't** }
He/She/It **was not** **'wasn't** } cooking
You/We/They **were not** **weren't** }
LONGFORM SHORTFORM

We use the **Past Continuous**:

1. for an action which was in progress at the time of speaking
2. for a past action which was in progress when another action interrupted it
3. for two or more actions which were happening at the same time
4. when telling a story