

past simple, past continuous and past perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **past simple** or **past continuous**.
 - a. I **was going** (go) to work when my car **broke down** (break down).
 - b. I _____ (fall down) when I _____ (clean) the windows.
 - c. I _____ (study) for five hours and then I _____ (go) to sit the exam.
 - d. Yesterday I _____ (go) to the cinema and later I _____ (meet) my friends.
 - e. While I _____ (study) my brother _____ (listen) to the radio.
 - f. I _____ (not go) to the school because I _____ (have) a terrible headache.
2. Tick the correct option. **Past simple** or **past perfect**.
 - a. He walked into the bus station only to find that the bus left / had left.
 - b. My brother told me that Bill died / had died.
 - c. Where is he? My sister asked / had asked.
 - d. Lucas was very happy. He got / had got what he was looking for.
 - e. I was going to leave when I remembered / had remembered I didn't have the key.
 - f. When I went to the stadium I realized / had realized that the match had been postponed.
 - g. My sister moved to the house where she lived / had lived when she was a little girl.
 - h. When I was having a shower I heard / had heard the phone ringing.
3. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the **past simple** or the **past continuous**.
 - a. Mark **heard** (hear) a cry for help while he **was swimming** (swim) in the sea.
 - b. Mary _____ (close) the window because it _____ (rain).
 - c. I _____ (read) a magazine when the doorbell _____ (ring).
 - d. Pete _____ (play) in the football final when he _____ (score) a brilliant goal.
 - e. The last time I _____ (speak) to Mark he _____ (study) law in Manchester.
 - f. I _____ (phone) my mother because I _____ (be) worried about her health.
4. Complete the text. Use the correct form of the **past simple**, **past continuous**, **past perfect simple** or **past perfect continuous**.

Jack Williams was sixteen years old in 1940. He **lived** (live) with his family in a small house in Liverpool. Tom _____ (have) a job in a factory. He _____ (work) there since he was fourteen. One day Tom _____ (walk) along the road to the factory when he _____ (meet) Katy. Katy was younger than Tom and _____ (stay) with her aunt since her mother died. Tom _____ (be) surprised to see her so early in the morning. 'Where are you going?' he asked. 'To the Smith's house,' she replied. 'They _____ (offer) me a job in the kitchens.'