

## Past Simple vs Past Continuous

1. The system \_\_\_\_\_ (crash) and I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) three hour's worth of work.
2. Last weekend, Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so absent-minded, that he \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to close the door of his flat.
3. An express train \_\_\_\_\_ (collide) with a freight train yesterday at noon. Fortunately, only a few people \_\_\_\_\_ (be) injured.
4. It was 9 am and they \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a very important meeting.
5. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (sign) a petition, her pen \_\_\_\_\_ (run) out of ink.
6. Teresa \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for the run when she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a cramp.
7. An hour ago a GOPR helicopter \_\_\_\_\_ (smash) into the slope of the mountain.
8. When Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the street, a speeding car \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) her.
9. When the team of doctors \_\_\_\_\_ (transplant) the kidneys, the patient \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up from the anaesthesia.
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Sunday morning and Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up to the sounds of birds chirping outside.
11. The Thompsons \_\_\_\_\_ (redecorate) their flat all last month.
12. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ throw) this apple at me? \_\_\_\_\_ (you / want) to hurt me?
13. Lewandowski \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) his T-shirt to someone in the crowd.
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ (delay) her last decision.
15. As Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ (play) Pokémon Go, his phone battery \_\_\_\_\_ (get) flat.
16. Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the letter and then \_\_\_\_\_ (tear) it in two.
17. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (download) a film, an error \_\_\_\_\_ (occur).
18. Charlie \_\_\_\_\_ (gain) a lot of weight last year.
19. I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very uncomfortable when the police officer \_\_\_\_\_ (stare) at my face and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) difficult questions.
20. Sandra \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an email and \_\_\_\_\_ (click) "send".
21. I \_\_\_\_\_ (put off) making all hard decisions in the past.
22. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the start of the movie, the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off.
23. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (print) a document, a piece of paper \_\_\_\_\_ (get) stuck in the printer.
24. Last Monday, France \_\_\_\_\_ (sign) a new trade deal with Poland.
25. While a girl \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a bike, she \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (burst) into tears.
26. He \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the church, \_\_\_\_\_ (kneel) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to pray.
27. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (park) her car, she \_\_\_\_\_ (scratch) its doors.
28. It was a warm day and the Smiths \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) at the beach. Mr Smith \_\_\_\_\_ (fish), Mrs Smith \_\_\_\_\_ (sunbathe) and their kids \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a sandcastle.

Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous Tense

1. Last weekend Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so absent minded, that he \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to close the door of his flat.  
Why...  
When...
2. It was 9 am and they \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a very important meeting.  
What time ...
3. Teresa \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for the run when she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a cramp.  
Who ...
4. The Thompsons \_\_\_\_\_ (redecorate) their flat all last month.  
When...  
Who ...
5. Lewandowski \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) his T-shirt to someone in the crowd.  
Where ...  
Who...
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (delay) her last decision.  
What ...
7. As Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ (play) Pokémon Go his phone battery \_\_\_\_\_ (get) flat.  
What game ...  
Who ...
8. Charlie \_\_\_\_\_ (gain) a lot of weight last year.  
When ...  
Who...
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very uncomfortable when the police officer \_\_\_\_\_ (stare) at my face and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) difficult questions.  
How ...
10. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the start of the movie, the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off.  
When...
11. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (print) a document, a piece of paper \_\_\_\_\_ (get) stuck in the printer.  
What happened when ...
12. Last Monday, France \_\_\_\_\_ (sign) a new trade deal with Poland.  
Who....  
When...
13. While a girl \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a bike, she \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (burst) into tears.  
Who...
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the church, \_\_\_\_\_ (kneel) down and \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to pray.  
Where...

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2. Last weekend, Jim was so absent-minded, that he forgot to close the door of his flat.
3. An express train collided with a freight train yesterday at noon. Fortunately, only a few people were injured.
4. It was 9 am and they were holding a very important meeting.
5. When she was signing a petition, her pen ran out of ink.
6. Teresa was preparing for the run when she got a cramp.
7. An hour ago a GOPR helicopter smashed into the slope of the mountain.
8. When Susan was crossing the street, a speeding car hit her.
9. When the team of doctors was/were transplanting the kidneys, the patient woke up from the anesthesia.
10. It was Sunday morning and Tina woke up to the sounds of birds chirping outside.
11. The Thompsons were redecorating their flat all last month.
12. Why did you throw this apple at me? Did you want to hurt me?
13. Lewandowski threw his T-shirt to someone in the crowd.
14. She delayed her last decision.
15. As Kevin was playing Pokémon Go, his phone battery got flat.
16. Jonathan read the letter and then tore it in two.
17. While I was downloading a film, an error occurred.
18. Charlie gained a lot of weight last year.
19. I felt very uncomfortable when the police officer was staring at my face and (was) asking difficult questions.
20. Sandra wrote an email and clicked "send".
21. I put off making all hard decisions in the past.
22. While we were waiting for the start of the movie, the fire alarm went off.
23. When I was printing a document, a piece of paper got stuck in the printer.
24. Last Monday, France signed a new trade deal with Poland.
25. While a girl was riding a bike, she fell down and burst into tears.
26. He entered the church, knelt down and began to pray.
27. When she was parking her car, she scratched its doors.
28. It was a warm day and the Smiths were relaxing at the beach. Mr. Smith was fishing, Mrs. Smith was sunbathing and their kids were building a sandcastle.

### Complete the sentences using Past Simple or Past Continuous Tense

1. Last weekend Jim was so absent minded, that he forgot to close the door of his flat.  
Why did Jim forget to close the door?  
When did Jim forget to close the door?
2. It was 9 am and they were holding a very important meeting.  
What time were they holding a very important meeting?
3. Teresa was preparing for the run when she got a cramp.  
Who was preparing for the run?

4. The Thompsons were redecorating their flat all last month.  
When were the Thompsons redecorating their flat?  
Who was redecorating the flat?
5. Lewandowski threw his T-shirt to someone in the crowd.  
Where did Lewandowski throw his T-shirt?  
Who threw his T-shirt to someone in the crowd?
6. She delayed her last decision.  
What did she delay?
7. As Kevin was playing Pokémon Go his phone battery got flat.  
What game was Kevin playing?  
Who was playing Pokémon Go?
8. Charlie gained a lot of weight last year.  
When did Charlie gain a lot of weight?  
Who gained a lot of weight?
9. I felt very uncomfortable when the police officer was staring at my face and asking difficult questions.  
How did you feel?
10. While we were waiting for the start of the movie, the fire alarm went off.  
When did the fire alarm start?
11. When I was printing a document, a piece of paper got stuck in the printer.  
What happened when you were printing a document?
12. Last Monday, France signed a new trade deal with Poland.  
Who signed a new trade deal with Poland?  
When did France sign a new trade deal?
13. While a girl was riding a bike, she fell down and burst into tears.  
Who was riding a bike?
14. He entered the church, knelt down and began to pray.  
Where did he enter?