

Lesson 2a

Past Simple & Past Continuous

Memory check: Choose and circle.

1. I was writing / wrote an e-mail to my best friend yesterday.
2. Tina didn't have / wasn't having any free time last week.
3. Danny hurt / was hurting his arm when he fell off his bike.
4. When I got home, mum slept / was sleeping.
5. Did you often go / Were you often going fishing when you were a child?
6. I was doing / did the dishes while she was reading / read a book.
7. After work I had / was having a shower and watched / was watching a DVD.
8. Cathy did / was doing her homework when the phone rang / was ringing.

Grammar Theory

PAST SIMPLE

FORM

Affirmative

I played
you played
he played
she played
it played
we played
you played
they played

Interrogative

did I play?
did you play?
did he play?
did she play?
did it play?
did we play?
did you play?
did they play?

Negative

I did not play
you did not play
he did not play
she did not play
it did not play
we did not play
you did not play
they did not play

SHORT FORMS

Negative
didn't

SPELLING TIPS

decide → decided stop → stopped
carry → carried go → went *

* see irregular verbs list

YES / NO ANSWERS:

- Yes, I / you ... did. - No, I / you ... didn't.

USE

1. Για πράξεις που έγιναν και τελείωσαν σε συγκεκριμένη στιγμή στο παρελθόν.
I went to the supermarket at 10 o'clock yesterday.
2. Για πράξεις που έγιναν στο παρελθόν η μία μετά την άλλη.
I tidied my room and then I cleaned the kitchen.
3. Για συνήθειες ή καταστάσεις στο παρελθόν.
Grandma played tennis when she was young.
I lived in a village when I was young.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES

yesterday, the day before yesterday, when, last night/
week/month/year, (two days) ago, the other day, the
last time

NOTE:

I burned my hand while I was cooking.

OR: *While I was cooking, I burned my hand.* (Η μία πράξη διέκοψε την άλλη.)

ALSO: *I was cooking when I burned my hand.*

BUT: *While I was cooking, my sister was watching TV.* (Οι δύο πράξεις γίνονταν ταυτόχρονα.)

PAST CONTINUOUS

FORM

Affirmative

I was playing
you were playing
he was playing
she was playing
it was playing
we were playing
you were playing
they were playing

Interrogative

was I playing?
were you playing?
was he playing?
was she playing?
was it playing?
were we playing?
were you playing?
were they playing?

Negative

I was not playing
you were not playing
he was not playing
she was not playing
it was not playing
we were not playing
you were not playing
they were not playing

SHORT FORMS

Negative
wasn't
weren't

YES / NO ANSWERS:

- Yes, I / he/she/it was. / - No, I / he/she/it wasn't.
- Yes, we / you / they were. / - No, we / you / they weren't.

USE

1. Για πράξεις που γίνονταν ή ήταν σε εξέλιξη σε συγκεκριμένη στιγμή στο παρελθόν.
At 8 o'clock last night I was surfing the Net.
2. Για πράξεις που γίνονταν ταυτόχρονα κάποια στιγμή στο παρελθόν.
While I was sleeping, my brothers were fighting in their room.
3. Για να περιγράψουμε το σκηνικό μιας αφήγησης.
It was an amazing evening. The stars were shining brightly and everyone was dancing round the bonfire.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES

as, while, all day yesterday, from ... to ..., at that moment

1 Choose and circle.

- We played / were playing chess when we were young.
- Ian didn't want / wasn't wanting to wake up early.
- Didn't you sing / Weren't you singing at the school concert yesterday?
- We used were using our mobile phones when the teacher walked in.
- George couldn't sleep at all last night because he was thinking / thought about his exams.
- Was Jake having / Did Jake have a lot of work last week?
- While Kate was waiting / waited for the train, it started to snow.
- They didn't pass / weren't passing their driving test.

2 Complete with the Past Simple or Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- Mary _____ (not wake up) on time and _____ (miss) the bus to school.
- We _____ (play) video games when mum _____ (come) in.
- _____ (you / listen) to the radio at ten o'clock this morning?
- While the baby _____ (sleep), we _____ (watch) TV.
- The students _____ (leave) the classroom an hour ago.
- It _____ (be) the perfect day for a picnic as the sun _____ (shine) brightly.
- Dad _____ (water) the plants every morning before going to work.
- _____ (they / remember) where the keys were?

3 Complete with the Past Simple or Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- We were waiting (wait) for the bus when the accident happened (happen).
- I _____ (see) Lynn as I _____ (walk) down the street.
- She _____ (not hear) the doorbell because she _____ (have) a bath.
- Anna _____ (chat) online while I _____ (do) my homework.
- _____ (Leo / fall) asleep while he _____ (read) his book?
- They _____ (not work) when I _____ (come) into the office.
- As I _____ (drive) home last night, I _____ (run) out of petrol.
- While I _____ (do) the dishes, I _____ (drop) a glass.
- Who _____ (you / talk) to when I _____ (see) you yesterday?
- _____ (you / listen) to music when dad _____ (knock) on your door?
- Paul _____ (buy) a newspaper and _____ (walk) to the office.
- I _____ (get) ready for bed when the phone _____ (ring).
- Why _____ (you / sit) alone there yesterday? _____ (you / wait) for us?
- _____ (you / call) for help when you _____ (hear) the burglars?

Lesson 4a

Past Perfect Simple & Continuous

Memory check: Choose and circle.

The thief had stolen (had been stealing) cars for years before he was caught.
 He was exhausted because (had been cleaning) / had cleaned all day.
 They had been eating (had eaten) all the cake before I could stop them.

- The decorator (had painted) / had been painting all the walls by the time we got home.
- Lessons had already (started) / been starting when we eventually got to school.
- It (had been snowing) / had snowed for hours when they decided to close the airport.

Grammar Theory

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

FORM

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I / you had played *	had I / you played?	I / you hadn't played
he/she/it had played	had he/she/it played?	he/she/it hadn't played
we / you had played	had we / you played?	we / you hadn't played
they had played	had they played?	they hadn't played

SPELLING TIPS: decide → decided - stop → stopped - carry → carried
 go → gone, eat → eaten, ... (see irregular past participles)

SHORT FORMS

Affirmative	Negative
I'd, you'd, he'd, she'd ...	I hadn't, she hadn't ...

YES / NO ANSWERS:

- Yes, I/you... had.
- No, I/you... hadn't.

USE

α μια πράξη που είχε γίνει στο παρελθόν πριν από κάποια άλλη πράξη ή πριν από κάποιο χρονικό σημείο.

The concert **had already started** by the time we arrived.

1^η πράξη: Past Perfect - 2^η πράξη: Past Simple

They **had booked** the table by 9.00 o'clock.

COMPARE: This is the first time I **have travelled** abroad.
 That was the first time I **had travelled** abroad.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES

- **by the time/ when/ before** + Past Simple
 When / By the time I got there, he **had already left**.
- **by** (+ χρονικό σημείο), π.χ. by then, by 6 o'clock ...
- **after, as soon as:** I got up after I **had eaten**.
- **until:** I didn't get up until I **had eaten**.
- **still** (+ άρνηση): He still **hadn't called** me by 8pm.
- **It was the first, second ... time**
- **It was + superlative** (+ ever)
 It was the best song I **had ever heard**.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FORM

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I had been playing	had I been playing?	I hadn't been playing
you had been playing	had you been playing?	you hadn't been playing
he/she/it had been playing	had he/she/it been playing?	he/she/it hadn't been playing
we had been playing	had we been playing?	we hadn't been playing
you had been playing	had you been playing?	you hadn't been playing
they had been playing	had they been playing?	they hadn't been playing

SHORT FORMS

Affirmative	Negative
I'd, you'd, he'd, she'd ...	I hadn't, she hadn't ...

YES / NO ANSWERS:

- Yes, I/you ... had.
- No, I/you ... hadn't.

USE

να δώσουμε έμφαση στη διάρκεια μιας πράξης που γινόταν πριν από κάποια άλλη πράξη ή ένα χρονικό σημείο στο παρελθόν.

I **found my keys last night. I had been looking** for them for three days.

They **had been running** in the marathon since 10 o'clock.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES

- **for, since, all night/day/week/year ...**
- **by the time/when/before** + Past Simple
- **after/by** (+ χρονικό σημείο) / **How long ...?**

NOTE: Present Perfect Continuous vs. Past Perfect Continuous

Her eyes **are** red because she **has been crying** for half an hour. (αποτέλεσμα ορατό στο παρόν)
 Her eyes **were** red because she **had been crying** for half an hour. (αποτέλεσμα ορατό στο παρελθόν)

1 Complete with the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- The patient _____ by the time the ambulance reached the hospital. (recover)
- _____ breakfast when you got up? (mum / already / make)
- She _____ weight for months before she found out she was ill. (lose)
- She _____ her project by the time she went to bed. (not finish)
- We told mum about the broken vase but she _____ out about it. (already / find)
- How long _____ until they found the cure for this disease? (scientists / work)
- The rain _____ when we left for school. (just / stop)
- My computer _____ funny noises all morning before it broke down. (make)
- The choir _____ for hours before they went on stage. (rehearse)
- They had enough money to buy a new house as soon as they _____ their old one. (sell)
- He _____ in our school for long before he went to England. (not teach)
- The snow _____ all night, so everything was white when we woke up in the morning. (fall)

2 Complete with the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- By the time we _____ (arrive) at the cinema, the film _____ (already / start)
- He _____ (not find) my story interesting because he _____ (hear) it before
- The bank _____ (already / close) when I _____ (get) there.
- As soon as the singer _____ (reach) the stage, the crowd _____ (cheer).
- I only realized that I _____ (meet) her before when I _____ (see) her walk by.
- The meeting _____ (finish) by nine o'clock last night.
- When my parents _____ (move) house, they _____ (live) in the old one for twelve years.
- He _____ (type) all the letters before his boss _____ (call) him to her office.

3 Choose and circle.

- Our dog had been sitting / had sat in the garden for hours when we finally got home.
- He had done had been doing his homework all afternoon, so he decided to take a break.
- Fortunately, the plane had been landing had landed before the engine caught fire.
- Had you walked Had you been walking in the rain for long before it stopped?
- We couldn't get in because we had lost / had been losing our keys.
- She had been sleeping / had slept for hours when some loud voices woke her up.
- How long had she read had she been reading before she fell asleep?
- Sue was terrified. She had never tried / had never been trying bungee jumping before.

