

## The Simple Present

1 Complete the following sentences with the simple present.

- a) Thomas and Frank (speak) SPEAK three different languages.  
They (know) KNOW German, English and French.
- b) This airline (fly) FLIES to Paris every day. Every summer,  
I (travel) TRAVEL there to visit my grandparents.
- c) The children (play) PLAY in the park. They often (go) GO  
(1 CHILD / 2 CHILDREN) together after school.
- d) Usually, Rudy (study) STUDIES by himself but sometimes he (work)  
WORKS with a friend.
- e) Cindy (have) HAS two brothers and one sister. Their names (be)  
ARE Mike, Jason and Kim.

OPTIONS  
does not (do)  
do not  
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2 Complete the following sentences with the negative form of the simple present.

- a) Sarah (make) DOES NOT MAKE many spelling mistakes.
- b) He (be) IS NOT a very rich man.
- c) We (wait) DO NOT WAIT for the bus on Church Street but on Green Avenue.
- d) They (live) DO NOT LIVE in this neighbourhood.
- e) John and Charlotte (speak) DO NOT SPEAK on the telephone every day.
- f) The baby (cry) DOES NOT CRY a lot.
- g) There (be) ARE NOT many students in this English class.

3 Complete the sentence with the correct question word.

Example: **When** do you go to the movies? On the weekend.

- a) WHO is that girl? She is my sister.
- b) WHERE do they live? In Montmagny.
- c) WHAT are your favourite sports? Tennis and volleyball.
- d) WHY do you look so tired today? Because I went to bed at midnight.
- e) HOW OFTEN do you go to the gym? I go three times a week.
- f) HOW MUCH does the sweater cost? It's about \$40 plus tax.
- g) WHEN does the show start? In 30 minutes.
- h) HOW MANY people are at the show? There are two thousand spectators.

## The Present Continuous

- 1** Complete the following sentences with the full form of the present continuous. **NO CONTRACTION!**
- a) We (watch) ARE WATCHING TV in the living room.
- b) Listen! They (play) ARE PLAYING classical music.
- c) Tony (give) IS GIVING me a lift to the shopping centre.
- d) You (laugh) ARE LAUGHING at the teacher's joke.
- e) I (go) AM GOING to the post office.

- 2** Change the following sentences to the negative form of the present continuous.
- a) She is telling the truth.  
SHE IS NOT TELLING THE TRUTH
- b) I am taking the bus to school this morning.  
I AM NOT TAKING THE BUS TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING
- c) Jules is working at the moment.  
JULES IS NOT WORKING AT THE MOMENT
- d) You are making supper for the family.  
YOU ARE NOT MAKING SUPPER FOR THE FAMILY
- e) It is raining outside.  
IT IS NOT RAINING OUTSIDE.

- 3** Complete the following sentences with the contracted form of the present continuous.
- a) (sleep, they) They're sleeping right now.
- b) (read, she) She's reading a really good book.
- c) (watch, neg., we) We aren't watching the hockey game.
- d) (arrive, neg.) The visitors aren't arriving until noon.
- e) (use, neg., I) I ain't using the computer right now.

- 4** Can the following verbs be used in the present continuous? Circle the answers.

- |               |                                      |                                     |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) be         | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b) cry        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  |
| c) hate       | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d) understand | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| e) need       | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |

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## The Simple Past: Regular Verbs

1 Complete the following sentences with the simple past.

- a) Jade (*talk*) TALKED to her best friend for two hours on the phone.
- b) I (*discover*) DISCOVERED that Elvis Presley (*love*) LOVED to eat fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches.
- c) Rosalie (*watch*) WATCHED the same movie over and over again.
- d) They (*turn*) TURNED off the lights and, when Nathan (*walk*) WALKED into the kitchen, they (*shout*) SHOUTED "Surprise!"
- e) In 1952, American composer John Cage (*compose*) COMPOSED a "silent" musical piece and (*call*) CALLED it 4'33". He (*play*) PLAYED nothing for exactly 4 minutes and 33 seconds!

2 Change the following sentences to the negative form of the simple past.

- a) It rained a lot yesterday morning.

\* Verbs → base form (because of did!)  
It did not rain a lot yesterday morning

- b) The little mouse frightened Florence.

The little mouse did not frighten Florence

- c) My father expected us to be back before supper.

My father did not expect us to be back before...

- d) The coffee tasted bitter.

The coffee did not taste bitter.

- e) The tourist asked us for directions to the museum.

The tourist did not ask us for directions to the museum.

- f) Samuel entered the writing competition.

Samuel did not enter the writing competition.

- g) She laughed at the joke.

She did not laugh at the joke.

- h) They lived in Rimouski last year.

They did not live in Rimouski last year.

- i) We waited for Laurie at the bus stop.

We did not wait for Laurie at the bus stop.

- j) Katie recorded her favourite TV show last night.

Katie did not record her favorite TV show last night.

**The Simple Past: Irregular Verbs (AGENDA)****1** Complete the following sentences with the simple past.

- a) Yesterday, I (see) SAW my neighbour at the bookstore.
- b) My mother (give) GAVE me money to buy lunch at school.
- c) Lea and William (be) WERE the most popular baby names of 2006.
- d) Last weekend, we (go) WENT to the hospital to visit a friend.
- e) You (sell) SOLD your bicycle to my cousin Louis.

**2** Change the verbs in the following sentences to the simple past.

- a) Jasmine rides her bike to school. Jasmine rode her bike to school.
- b) You know those people very well. You knew those people very well
- c) Stephen King writes many horror stories. Stephen King wrote many horror stories.
- d) They leave soccer practice by 7:30 p.m. They left soccer practice by 7:30 pm
- e) The ticket costs over \$50. The ticket does not cost over 50\$

**3** Change the following sentences to the negative form of the simple past.

- a) Jenny ate the whole box of cookies.  
Jenny did not eat the whole box of cookies.
- b) They bought a snack at the cafeteria.  
They did not buy a snack at the cafeteria.
- c) We made peanut butter sandwiches.  
We did not make peanut butter sandwiches.
- d) Brian lost his wallet at the restaurant.  
Brian did not lose his wallet at the restaurant.
- e) I understood the teacher's explanation.  
I did not understand the teacher's explanations

**4** Write the verbs in the simple past.

Last night, Rick (1. wake) woke up at midnight. He (2. hear) heard a strange noise coming from the basement. He (3. look) looked over at his wife Jessica, but she (4. be) was fast asleep. He (5. get) got up quietly and (6. walk) walked slowly downstairs to investigate. Even though he (7. feel) felt nervous, he (8. continue) continued towards the scratching sound. Once in the kitchen, he finally (9. recognize) recognized the noise. It (10. be) was his German Shepherd, Tasha, giving birth to three little puppies. What a relief!

## The Past Continuous

**1** Complete the following sentences with the past continuous.

### At the Library

- The librarian, Ms. Taylor, (*help*) WAS HELPING Sebastian and Victoria.
- Some students (*study*) WERE STUDYING for the final exam.
- Alice (*borrow*) WAS BORROWING some books.
- Greg and Billy (*whisper*) WERE WHISPERING in a corner.
- Thomas and I (*do*) WERE DOING research on the Internet.
- Roy (*read*) WAS READING the newspaper.
- Some of the boys (*finish*) WERE FINISHING their homework.
- Francis (*return*) WAS RETURNING three books.
- Ali (*daydream*) WAS DAYDREAMING in a chair.
- Some girls (*review*) WERE REVIEWING their notes.

**2** Complete the following sentences with the negative form of the past continuous.

- Most students (*sit*) WERE NOT SITTING in the same seats.
- I (*wash*) WAS NOT WASHING the dishes.
- Sam (*listen*) WAS NOT LISTENING to the radio.
- Misha and Bart (*drink*) WERE NOT DRINKING an espresso.
- Julio (*drive*) WAS NOT DRIVING the same red sports car.

**3** Write each verb in the appropriate form: the simple past or the past continuous.

- While you (*cook*) WERE COOKING supper, the phone (*ring*) RANG at least five times.
- Yesterday, Kelly (*work, neg.*) DID NOT WORK at the coffee shop, because her brother Joey (*perform*) WAS PERFORMING in a school play. Kelly and her family (*attend*) ATTENDED the show.
- When Jesse and Sam (*arrive*) ARRIVED, we (*discuss*) DISCUSSED (<sup>WERE</sup> ~~DISCUSSING~~) the project.
- Last Christmas, while you (*work*) WERE WORKING, we (*relax*) WERE RELAXING on a beautiful, sandy beach in Mexico. We (*miss, neg.*) DID NOT MISS the cold Quebec weather!

# WHEN-WHILE

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'While' is used to express two continuous actions happened at the same time.

Example: While you were sleeping , I was doing the housework.

2

'When' is used to express an action happened in the course of another action.

Example: When we were in the city center , we went to nice restaurants.

3

'While' or 'When' is used when a continuous long action is interrupted by a short action.

Example: (while) I was doing homework , (when) my mother knocked at the door.

4

'When' is used to express an action happened immediately after another action.

Example: When Joe shouted at Tina , she left him in the cafe and went away.

## Fill in the blanks with 'WHEN' or 'WHILE'

- WHILE my father was reading a book , my mother was looking at the family album.
- I was having a shower , WHEN my friend broke my mother's favourite vase.
- WHEN the teacher came into the classroom , some students were arguing with each other.
- I arrived home , WHILE all the guests were having tea and biscuits.
- WHEN she was a little girl , she visited her relatives with her mother.
- I liked working in group and pairs , WHEN I was a secondary school student.
- WHILE Sue was waiting for the 12 o'clock train , she met an old friend.
- The Pearsons were having a large breakfast , WHEN the doorbell rang.
- My father was waiting in the car , WHILE my mother was doing shopping.
- What were you doing WHEN the teacher looked at you suddenly.
- WHEN the train left , Thomas was rushing to the station.
- The electricity went of , WHILE we were watching a horror film.
- WHILE Mathew was going to the library , he saw a car accident on Mapple Street.
- The baby boy started crying , WHILE his mother was combing her hair.
- WHILE the mother was doing the washing up , the twins were sweeping the floor.
- The sun was rising , WHEN we reached the summit of the mountain.
- WHEN Susan entered the living room , everybody began singing 'Happy Birthday'.
- Mr.Robinson fell off the tree WHILE he was looking at the little bird's nest.
- WHEN I dropped the vase , it broke into pieces.

## Complete the sentences with 'Past Simple' or 'Past Continuous' using the verbs in brackets

- Mr.Thompson WAS DRIVING (drive) very fast when he hit a tree.
- Jack WAS MILKING (milk) the cows when a stranger came into the barn.
- Susan SAW (see) the burglar while he was rushing into his car.
- My uncle WAS LISTENING (listen) to the radio when the earthquake happened.
- The old lady was trying to cross the street when a boy OFFERED (offer) help.
- All the children WERE SLEEPING (sleep) when their father opened the front door.
- While Mr.Triump WAS FIXING (fix) the television , he fell asleep.
- Tina was playing with her dolls when her brother WAS FINISHING (finish) his homework.
- I was working on the Science project when you CAME (come) into the room with a big chocolate cake in your hand.
- The children WERE PLAYING (play) tennis when their grandmother called them for lunch.
- Jack and Steven \_\_\_\_\_ (have dinner) when they heard a strange noise.
- My brother was tidying the bookcase while I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the beds.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ (you do) when your father came home from work?
- Who \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) while the teacher was introducing the new subject?
- I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (fall down) while I was running away from the monster in my dream.I \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) when it caught my hand.
- Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (look) out of the window when it started raining.