



# Past review

Lesson code: VHCV-M1C8-8L7D

PRE-INTERMEDIATE +

## 1 Review

Complete the review of the past tense with 'simple' or 'continuous'.

### Grammar review - simple or continuous?

We use the **past** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> to talk about completed events in the past:

I **received** an email this morning at 8 o'clock.

Where **did** you **go** yesterday?

We use the **past** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> to talk about unfinished activities that are in progress at a particular time in the past:

I **was writing** an important email at 9 o'clock this morning.

He **wasn't working** at 6 o'clock.

We use the **past simple** with the **past** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> to talk about a finished action that happened while another activity was in progress:

I **was giving** a presentation when you **called** me.

**Were you having** lunch when the client **arrived**?

Remember that some verbs are NEVER used with the **past** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>. These are called state verbs, e.g. love, like, know, need, want, hate, understand, etc.

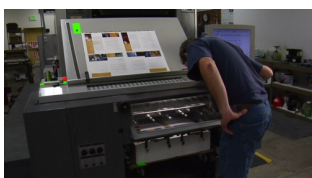
I **liked** the idea. (NOT I ~~was liking~~ the idea.)



**2 Practice I**

Match the verbs on the left with the nouns on the right.

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|----------|-----------------|
| 1. write | a. a diagram    |
| 2. make  | b. an email     |
| 3. talk  | c. a phone call |
| 4. print | d. brochures    |
| 5. drive | e. home         |
| 6. draw  | f. lunch        |
| 7. have  | g. on the phone |



Jeffrey works for an American printing company. Watch the video clips from his day at work. Imagine that the video was filmed yesterday. For each clip, ask and answer the questions like in the example. To access the video, scan the code on the right with your mobile device or click the link: <http://www.linguahouse.com/f80ddc6b-0d28-e2f4-cdc0-ab73f81f3195/Past-review-Ex2/videoPlayer.html>.



- What was he doing at 10am? He was drawing a diagram.
- What was he doing at midday? .....
- What was he doing at 1pm? .....
- What was he doing at 4pm? .....
- What was he doing at 5pm? .....
- What was he doing at 6pm? .....
- What was he doing at 8pm? .....

Work in pairs. Ask and answer the same questions about you:

- What were you doing at 10am?
- What were you doing at midday?
- What were you doing at 1pm?
- What were you doing at 5pm?
- What were you doing at 4pm?
- What were you doing at 6pm?
- What were you doing at 8pm?



### 3 Practice II - Past simple or continuous

Complete the sentences with the verbs in the correct form:

- I ate (eat) sushi for lunch yesterday.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a really interesting article at 8.30 this morning.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/want) to hire a new employee.
- Alan \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) on a business trip last year.
- At 5 o'clock, the workers \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for a taxi.
- At 9pm, Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) He \_\_\_\_\_ (rest) at home.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/get) your phone call. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a client.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the boss when he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- When she \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the office, it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).

### 4 Practice III

Make true sentences about you using the verbs below in the correct form. Compare with a partner.

- I ..... (take a business trip) last month.
- I ..... (have breakfast) at 8 o'clock this morning.
- I ..... (have breakfast) yesterday.
- I ..... (write) more than five emails yesterday.
- I ..... (write) an email 30 minutes ago.
- I ..... (get up) early this morning.
- I ..... (sleep) at 7 o'clock this morning.
- I ..... (work on a project) at midnight last night.
- I ..... (go to a restaurant) yesterday evening.

Now make questions about each sentence like in the example.

- Did you take a business trip last month ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?



Ask and answer the questions with a partner like in the example below:

**Dialogue**

**A:** Did you take a business trip last month?

**B:** Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

**5 Flashcard review**

Go to [www.linguahouse.com/ex](http://www.linguahouse.com/ex) and review the grammar from this lesson.



**1 Review**

1. simple
2. continuous
3. continuous
4. continuous

**2 Practice I**

1. b
2. c
3. g
4. d
5. e
6. a
7. f

*Play the video. To scan the QR code, you will need a QR code reader app installed on your mobile device and an Internet connection. Alternatively, click the video link or play the downloaded file. Students can work individually and check in pairs if done in the classroom.*

He was printing brochures.

He was having lunch.

He was making a phone call.

He was talking on the phone.

He was writing an email.

He was driving home.

**3 Practice II - Past simple or continuous**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2. was reading            | 3. didn't want                | 4. didn't go             |
| 5. were waiting           | 6. wasn't working/was resting | 7. were you doing/called |
| 8. didn't get/was meeting | 9. were waiting/arrived       | 10. left/was raining     |

**4 Practice III**

*If done in class, students work individually and compare with a partner. Monitor the activity. If done for homework, students can ask and answer the questions at the beginning of the next lesson.*

