

## The past simple:

(الماضي البسيط)

Form: V2 ( the second form of the verb )

Regular play → played

Irregular come → came

Negative: didn't + base

Question: Did + S + base ?

### Indicators:

yesterday, (last + زمن), ago, ((in / on) + زمن ماضي), in the past,  
at that time, at the time, (once لا يأتي بعدها زمن)

\* لنفي الماضي البسيط، فإننا نستخدم ( didn't + base ) مع كل الأفعال ما عدا افعال Be  
اذ اننا ننفيها اما باستخدام wasn't او weren't

- We .....(go) swimming yesterday.
- Ahmad .....(buy) a second-hand car last week .
- For breakfast last Tuesday, Farah .....(make) coffee in a new kind of machine. It .....(taste) horrible and everyone .....(spit) it out .
- Our basketball team .....( fly ) to Syria three months ago.
- My friend .....( phone ) me two hours ago.
- Last Sunday, the school ..... ( hold ) a parent teacher meeting.
- Our school ..... ( go ) on a picnic last week.
- I ..... ( buy ) a lot of useful books yesterday.
- Farah .....( finish ) writing her report last night.
- Sami .....( visit ) the doctor last Wednesday.
- The Gulf war .....( start ) in 1991.
- Omar .....( not watch ) the movie last night.
- Omar visited us yesterday and .....( stay) for lunch.
- I once ..... (visit) the Roman Theater.
- People .....( not know ) cars in the past.
- Last year, I .....( not be ) in the seventh grade.
- I.....this film along time ago. (see ,saw ,have seen ,had seen)
- The police .....the thief two days ago. (arrest ,arrested ,has arrested ,arrests)
- We.....a lot of work yesterday. (did , have done , do , does)

## USES : WE USE THE PAST SIMPLE TO:

1. talk about **something that started and finished in the past.**

- I ..... (meet) a friend of mine **yesterday** .
- The postman ..... (bring) me three letters **yesterday** .
- We ..... (go) to Syria **last Summer**. We ..... (catch) the 9: 20 plane .

2. describe a **routine in the past.** (Past habits)

- When he was young, he rarely talked to strangers.
- At the age of seven, Ahmad often ate meat.

3. talk about something that was true for an extended period of time in the past. In this case, we use it with a time phrase. (PermenantState)

- When I lived in Amman, I worked in a bank.
- Tom's father taught him to drive when he was 17.
- When she heard a strange noise, she got up to investigate.

### أسئلة الوزارة

1998: I once ..... the minister. (meet)

1999: The light through the curtains ..... us awake last night. (keep)

2001: A year ago, Hamdan .... a scholarship to continue his higher education in Canada. (win)

2003: The Franks and Muslims ..... in a great battle at the Horns of Hittin on 4th July 1187. (meet)

2004: The film ..... a few minutes ago. (start)

شتوية 2011: Hatem's father...last year. He had worked for the same company all his life. (retire)

صيفية 2011: Fatima.....her homework three hours ago. (finish)

شتوية\*\* 2012: Hatem had saved his document before viruses.....his computer. (crash)

صيفية 2012: The plane.....a few minutes ago. (land)

شتوية\*\* 2013: After we had finished our dinner, we.....into the garden. (go)

صيفية 2013: Sultan.....a book of mine yesterday. (borrow)

شتوية\*\* 2014: The documentary film was interesting thus I .....it so much. (enjoy)

## ANSWERS

1998: met      1999: kept      2001: won      2003: met      2004: started  
شتوية 2011: retired      صيفية 2011: finished      \*\*شتوية 2012: crashed  
صيفية 2012: landed      \*\*شتوية 2013: went      صيفية 2013: borrowed  
\*\*شتوية 2014: enjoyed

### **Past Continuous:** ( الماضي المستمر )

FORM: ( I + مفرد ) was  
( جمع ) were + (base + ing)

#### Indicators:

when, while, as,

at this time last week, this time last year ....etc.  
at 5 o'clock yesterday morning , at 8 o'clock yesterday,  
from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock yesterday morning

### **Uses : We use the past continuous to:**

1. talk about something which was happening before and after another action in the past.

- He ..... (play) tennis at 4:30 yesterday .
- At eight yesterday , Farah ..... (have) breakfast .

2. show that something happened for a long time in the past.

- While I ..... (get) dressed , the mobile phone rang .
- Amal ..... (talk) on the phone when I arrived .
- As Farah ..... (type) the letter , she noticed many spelling mistakes .
- What ..... you .....(do) when I phoned you ?

### EXERCISES

- As she ..... dinner, the cooker exploded. ( make )
- While the gardener ..... the trees, the guests arrived. ( water )
- Sami got up when the Sun ..... ( shine )
- While Sami ..... T.V, the doorbell rang. ( watch )
- She ..... in Amman when she got married. ( live )
- While I ..... at the bus- station, I met a friend of mine. ( wait )
- My mother ..... dinner while I was watching T.V. ( cook )
- Marie Curie ..... from dreadful burns while she was investigating the new radioactive substances. ( suffer )

## Past continuous indicators

### \*\*\*While/as

1. (While/as)+past continuous, past continuous.

(While /as) he was doing his homework, his sister was playing with her dolls.

2. Past continuous +(while/as) + past continuous.

He was doing his homework (as/while) his sister was playing with her dolls.

3. Past simple +(while/as)+past continuous.

The bell rang (as/while) the teacher was collecting the test papers.

### \*\*\*When

4. When +past simple, past continuous.

When he came home, I was reading a book.

5. Past continuous, when +past simple.

I was reading a book when he came home.

6. When +past simple, past simple. (narrating events)

When he entered the room, he saw the mouse on the table so he screamed.

7. When + simple past, past perfect / already

When he arrived, we had already left.

- They were having dinner when they ..... a scream. (hear)
- I ..... Ali while I was driving to the station. (see)
- I ..... television at 8 o'clock last night.  
(watch, have watched, was watching, watches)
- We weren't at home at 4 o'clock yesterday evening; we ..... our relatives.  
(were visiting, have visited, visit, have been visiting)
- This time last year, we ..... in Syria.  
(have been touring, were touring, tour, had toured)
- He ..... a football match from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock yesterday evening.  
(has been watching, watch, had watched, was watching)
- At this time last month, they ..... their first baby's birthday.  
(were celebrating, have celebrated, celebrate, had celebrated)
- The telephone rang while he ..... a bath.  
(had, have, was having, has been having)
- We ..... at a high speed when the accident happened.  
(drove, have driven, were driving, drive)
- It began to rain while I ..... in the park.  
(was walking, walked, had walked, walk)
- While she ..... the ladder, she slipped off.  
(climb, climbed, had climbed, was climbing)
- When he reached his office, the workers ..... for him.  
(was waiting, were waiting, waited, has been waiting)
- The police caught him while he ..... the car.  
(opened, was opening, opens, had opened)
- While I was walking down the street, he ..... into an old friend.  
(ran, run, had run, was running)
- We were doing our homework when the lights ..... out.  
(go, went, were going, had gone)
- She slept as she ..... her book.  
(read, reads, was reading, had read)
- As he ..... the film, the doorbell rang.  
(was watching, watched, watches, has watched)
- She ..... (sleep) when the doorbell rang.
- When I arrived, my friends ..... (play) chess.

### أسئلة الوزارة

- 2001: The old man ..... to music when the police opened the door. (listen)
- 1999: Randa ..... the report when I left the office. (finalise)
- 2017: The students in my class ..... about their achievements in science when the bell suddenly rang. (talk)

## Past Perfect Simple:

(الماضي التام)

FORM: had + P.P

We use the Past Perfect Simple to talk about actions that happened before a specific moment in the past.

### Indicators:

before, after, as soon as, by + (زمن ماضي), until  
(بشرط أن يكون الفعل الآخر الموجود في الجملة في حالة الماضي، او وجود اي دلالة اخرى ((already, just, never)) من دلالات الماضي التام)

## EXERCISES

1. I felt a little better **after** I ..... the medicine. (take)
2. **After** she ..... me for a year, she invited me for tea. (know)
3. **As soon as** his guests ..... all his food, they left his house. (eat)
4. The motorist drove off **as soon as** the light ..... green. (turn)
5. Ali had taken his lunch **before** we ..... (arrive)
6. **After** Salma ..... the report, she went home. (type)
7. Sami visited his relatives **after** he ..... the shopping. (do)
8. **After** he ..... writing, he went to bed. (finish)
9. Ali ..... the house **before** we visited him. (paint)
10. He dried his hands **after** he.....them.  
(washed ,has washed ,had washed ,was washing)
11. **Before** we started our work, we.....the ingredients.  
(had prepared, prepared ,were preparing ,have prepared)
12. **After** every one.....his work, the office was locked.  
(completed, was completing ,has completed ,had completed)
13. I went to bed **after** I.....a friend.  
(phoned ,had phoned ,phone ,have phoned)
14. She.....the cake **before** we came.  
(prepared, has prepared, was preparing, had prepared)
15. **Before** she .....to sleep, she had locked the door.  
(had gone, goes, went, was going)
16. He ..... (leave) **by the time** I got there .
17. My parents ..... **already**..... (eat) **by the time** I got home .
18. **After** the guests ..... (leave) , I went to bed .
19. **By the time** the film started ,she .....  
(was sleeping, had slept, has slept, sleeps)

20. By the end of last week ,we.....three letters from you.  
(received, had received, were receiving, have received)
21. We.....in Irbid before 1985.  
(were, have been, are, had been)
22. Sami.....before we got there.  
(was leaving, left, had left, has left)
23. I.....my computer course before last month.  
( took, have taken , had taken , take)
24. They.....shopping by the time you saw them.  
( went , were going , had gone , are going)

**NOTE: The Past Perfect is used to show the reason of a past result:**

1. I *couldn't* play because I **had broken** my leg.
2. He *bought* a car because he.....his driving license.  
( has got , had got , will get)
3. He *was* bleeding because he.....his finger.  
( cuts , has cut , had cut)
4. I *couldn't* open the door because I.....the key.  
( had lost , have lost , loose)
5. There *was* nobody at home because they.....out.  
( have been going, have gone, had gone)

أسئلة الوزارة

2002

The Indians ..... spices before the Europeans came. ( use )

صيفية 2011:

Maher felt nervous because he.....never.....in the Dead Sea before. (swim)

## Past perfect indicators

### \*\*\*After

1. After + past perfect, past simple.  
After I **had had** lunch, I **did** the washing up.
2. Simple past + after + past perfect.  
I **did** the washing up after I **had had** lunch.

### \*\*\*Before

3. Before + past simple, past perfect.  
Before I **went** to bed, I **had done** my homework.
4. Past perfect + before + past simple.  
I **had done** my homework before I **went** to bed.

### \*\*\*By

5. By+ simple past, past perfect , by 2013  
By the time I **reached** the train station, the train **had left** so I had to take a taxi.

By 2013, she **had finished** her research.

6. Past perfect + by+ past simple  
The train **had left** by the time I **reached** the station.

### \*\*\*When

7. When + past simple, already + past perfect  
When he **arrived**, the film **had already** started.

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8. Already + past perfect + when + simple past.  
The film had already started when I arrived.

\*\*\*Because

Because + past perfect, past simple .

9. Because he hadn't passed the test, he was sad.

10. Past simple because + past perfect

Maher felt nervous because he hadn't swum in the sea.

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Correct the verbs between brackets:

1. My telephone \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) out of order for two days now.
2. At this moment, Mary and Anne \_\_\_\_\_ ( read ) a play by Shakespeare.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( read ) two novels so far.
4. John and David \_\_\_\_\_ ( travel ) to London in 2007.
5. An eleven-year-old boy \_\_\_\_\_ ( lose ) his arm ten weeks ago while he \_\_\_\_\_ ( play ) with his father's gun.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ ( play ) at present ?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ John \_\_\_\_\_ ( drive ) when you saw him?
8. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ all night , so she is tired and sleepy. ( Study )
9. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ( leave ) the hotel last night?
10. Don't switch off the television ! I \_\_\_\_\_ ( watch ) it .
11. I am sitting in class right now. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( sit ) in class at this exact time yesterday.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ this same pair of shoes for three years now. ( have )
13. There is a book on my desk , but it \_\_\_\_\_ ( not belong ) to me. It \_\_\_\_\_ to Mrs Jones. ( belong )
14. Judy: How long \_\_\_\_\_ ( you/be ) in Canada?  
Samia: I \_\_\_\_\_ ( .study ) here for more than three years.
15. I think the waiter \_\_\_\_\_ ( forget ) us. We \_\_\_\_\_ ( wait ) here for over half an hour and nobody \_\_\_\_\_ our order yet. ( take )
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( see ) many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt.

17. The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ ( walk ) by us at least twenty times . He probably thinks we \_\_\_\_\_ ( already order ).
18. John felt nervous because he \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ before. ( swim )
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( just finish ) painting the living room. Doesn't it look great ?
20. Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ ( arrive ) in Tokyo last week .
21. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( walk ) on the beach in Bali this time last week.
23. They \_\_\_\_\_ ( be / play ) tennis for two hours.
24. By the time John 's parents got home, he \_\_\_\_\_ ( clean ) the house.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ ( spend ) your summer holidays in the mountains?
26. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ -( visit ) Egypt twice , but he \_\_\_\_\_ ( not visit ) the pyramids yet.
27. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( ski ) all day. I am so tired.
28. Why has he been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ ( sell ) stolen cars again?
29. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( not see ) my friend for two years.
30. We are so tired. We \_\_\_\_\_ ( cycle ) in the forest all morning.
31. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) a nurse for seven years.
32. We \_\_\_\_\_ ( spend ) a month in Paris two years ago.
33. Sara \_\_\_\_\_ ( not come ) from work yet.
34. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( hear ) the song on the radio before he bought the CD.
35. They \_\_\_\_\_ ( leave ) the cinema after the film had ended.
36. She was sad because she \_\_\_\_\_ ( lose ) the game.

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( have ) coffee with his friends when he heard the news.
38. I heard the crash while I \_\_\_\_\_ . ( bathe )
39. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ( see ) the latest fashion?
40. Listen! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ ( call ) your name.
41. My head aches me. It \_\_\_\_\_ ( ache ) for two hours.
42. Where \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) you yesterday?
43. We \_\_\_\_\_ ( sell ) two sets since yesterday.
44. He washed his hands after he \_\_\_\_\_ ( eat ) his meal.
45. She \_\_\_\_\_ ( cook ) lunch , then she invited her friends.
46. George \_\_\_\_\_ ( type ) for two hours. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( not finish ) yet.
47. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( see ) the film before , so I didn't want to see it again.
48. Do you see those boys over there? They \_\_\_\_\_ ( play ) for one hour.
49. Some pieces dropped on the floor while the man \_\_\_\_\_ ( repair ) the fan.
50. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ ( correct ) the papers now.
51. This food \_\_\_\_\_ ( taste ) good. ;
52. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ ( punish ) a number of students yesterday.
53. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ ( already leave ) when we got there.
54. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ ( look forward ) to the trip for ages.
55. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( not finish ) the work yet.
56. All of the students \_\_\_\_\_ ( study ) hard. Final exams start next week.