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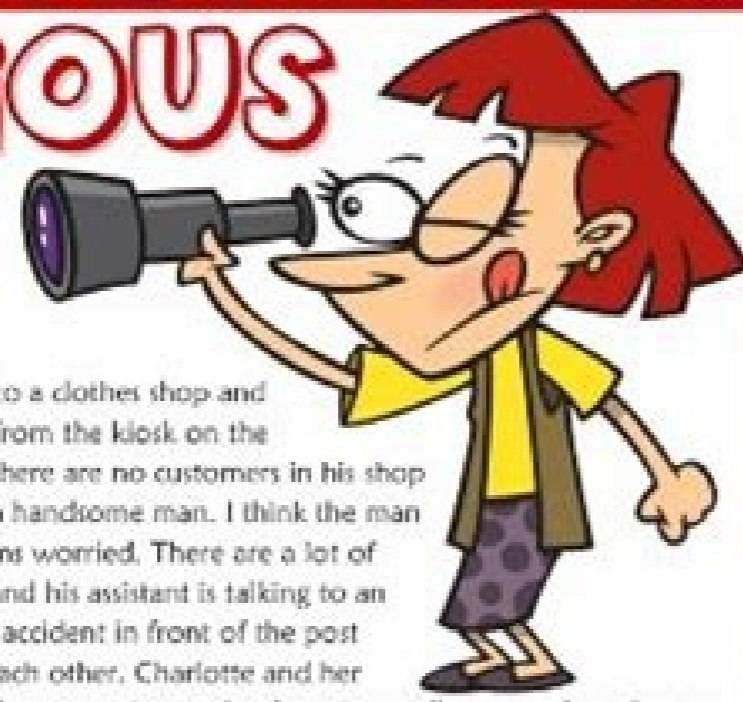
PAST SIMPLE VS. PRESENT PERFECT



- 1. Write the verb in brackets in the past simple.**
- My father _____ (invite) his holiday yesterday. All the family _____ (enjoy) his surprise. It _____ (be) funny!
 - The reporter _____ (ask) me some questions.
 - She _____ (take) photos on time?
 - They _____ (not) call me yesterday.
 - He _____ (know) something about it.
 - They _____ (eat) too much cake yesterday.
 - We _____ (eat) chocolate cake that one of my friends had made.
 - After the dinner we all _____ (go) to the cinema.
- 2. Choose the correct word.**
- Tina hasn't been sleeping well already / lately. 7. We haven't met Tom already / yet.
 - Have you ever / never visit India? 8. Did you meet Anna before / when / yesterday?
 - She has looked for / after her cat / clock. 9. Has your uncle / aunt been to Austria?
 - Richard has just / yet / still. 10. I have ever / never visit Paris.
 - I have looked for / after these books. 11. I have worked here for / since ten years.
 - They haven't met already / yet. 12. I've been in London before / for Tuesday.
- 3. Put the adverbs in the correct place.**
- I have never before / never? _____
 - We have received an invitation to the school party. just _____
 - Have you met any famous actor? ever _____
 - She has finished research work. already _____



MRS. CURIOUS



Hi! My name is Janet Curious. I live on the top of an apartment building in a small town. I'm a very curious woman and I always want to learn what other people are doing. As you see, now I'm watching people in my neighbourhood through my binoculars.

West Street is busy today. Tina and Victoria are going into a clothes shop and Mr. Thompson is buying some biscuits and a newspaper from the kiosk on the corner. The baker is sitting out and drinking tea because there are no customers in his shop now. The florist is preparing a nice bouquet of roses for a handsome man. I think the man is late for a meeting as he is looking at his watch and seems worried. There are a lot of people in the butcher's. The shop owner is cutting meat and his assistant is talking to an old woman at the moment. Oh my god! There's a traffic accident in front of the post office. Two men are looking at their cars and talking to each other, Charlotte and her husband are waiting for a bus at the bus stop. I suppose they are going to the shopping mall now as they always do on Saturdays.

Let me have a look at the park on Pole Street. Oh, it's so crowded with children as usual. Kathryn is skipping rope and Grace is playing with her doll. Walter and Harold are feeding a few street dogs as they love animals so much. Little Alfie is crying and pointing to a balloon seller. Her mother is reading a newspaper. Pamela is playing on the monkey bars while her brother is swinging. Terry, Laura and Sharon are sipping and laughing. George isn't riding his bicycle because he has a flat tyre. Shirley is playing volleyball with a group of children, but she isn't good at it. Three cats are following Joe because he is eating a big sandwich. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are resting on a bench and getting some fresh air. Some teens are sitting under the big pine tree. Virginia is playing the guitar and they are singing happily. Dennis is running and trying to fly his kite while his friend, James is jumping up and down with joy. It's so nice to watch people here on my balcony, but I must go now.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

WRITE TRUE OR FALSE

- What is Mrs. Curious doing at the moment?

- What is Mr. Thompson buying from the kiosk?

- Why is the baker sitting out and drinking tea?

- What is the florist preparing for the man?

- Who are waiting for a bus at the bus stop?

- Is Grace skipping rope with Kathryn?

- Why isn't George riding his bicycle now?

- Who is running and trying to fly a kite?

- Is Shirley playing volleyball well or badly?

- Where are the teens sitting and singing now?

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- Mrs. Curious is not watching people from her balcony, but she is just dreaming.
(_____)
- The man at the florist's is checking the time and he looks worried.
(_____)
- The butcher and his assistant are working in the shop at the moment.
(_____)
- Little Alfie is crying because he wants to fly a kite with his friends in the park.
(_____)
- Three cats are going after Joe because they want to eat the sandwich.
(_____)
- Mr. and Mrs. Brown are sitting on the grass and getting some fresh air.
(_____)
- James is jumping up and down with anger.
(_____)

PAST SIMPLE - WORKSHEET

A - FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS:

- ✓ When I _____ (be) in Japan I _____ (find) everything very different.
- ✓ Two years ago my parents _____ (buy) a new car.
- ✓ Last summer Peter _____ (spend) his holidays in a summer camp with his friends. They _____ (go) swimming, they _____ (play) football and golf they _____ (visit) many interesting places.
- ✓ My sister _____ (get) a good job in a bank.
- ✓ Susan and her cousins _____ (come) to Portugal ten years ago.

B - COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST SIMPLE (AFFIRMATIVE / NEGATIVE / INTERROGATIVE) OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS:

- ✓ My sister and her husband _____ (come) from Greece.
- ✓ I _____ (not like) the U2 concert.
- ✓ My cousin _____ (phone) from France yesterday evening.
- ✓ On Monday Johann _____ (go) to school on foot.
- ✓ (they / leave) _____ the country last Saturday?
- ✓ (you / like) _____ the film?
- ✓ They _____ (not finish) the homework yesterday.
- ✓ (she / go) _____ to the cinema with her parents last night?
No, she didn't. She _____ (stay) at home. She _____ (get) a cold.
- ✓ We _____ (go) to Spain by car.
- ✓ I _____ (have) a wonderful holiday with my family last July.
- ✓ (you / travel) _____ to Madrid by car or by plane?
- ✓ Many years ago it _____ (be) very difficult to live without electricity.
- ✓ Last year they _____ (buy) a house at the seaside.
_____ day before yesterday.

7 Great Activities for Teaching the Present Progressive

1 Charade Call Out

Charades can be used for many activities in the ESL classroom. For your lesson on the present progressive, have a student act out an activity (such as brushing teeth, washing dishes or getting money from the ATM) and have the rest of the class call out what he is doing using the present progressive.

2 Sorry, I Can't

What can't your Ss do now because they are doing something else? Have each of them write 5 statements about what they cannot do because they are currently doing something else. For example, "I can't study German now. I am studying English instead."

3 Look Around

What is happening all around you and your Ss? Have your class make observations about the world around them using the present progressive. You might want your students to look around the classroom or out the window and describe what the people there are doing.

4 A Picture's Worth

Build a collection of interesting pictures to use with your class. Ads are a good source, as are picture books. Give groups of Ss the pictures and have them describe what is happening in each one.

5 Picture Perfect

Using an action packed magazine photo, have S1 describe the picture to S2. S2 draws what S1 is describing (using the present progressive). Once the pair is finished, they compare pictures and (most likely) get a laugh out of the difference! Ss change roles with a second picture.

6 A Letter Home

What are your Ss doing as they pursue their English studies? In class? For fun? Ss write a letter to someone at home describing their life as an ESL student.

7 What Are You Doing?

As a class, brainstorm all the different places your Ss visit throughout the week. Include places like the gym, the grocery store, a car, and other locations in which they may only spend a few minutes. Pairs of students work together using that list of places. S1 tells S2 where he is (e.g. You are at the gym), S2 says what he is doing there (e.g. I am lifting weights.)

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PAST CONTINUOUS OR PAST SIMPLE

Complete the sentences. Use the **past continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

- The plane _____ (fly) to Paris when it crashed.
- The students _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain.
- We _____ (cross) the street when the traffic lights turned red.
- The children _____ (play) games when their mother called them.
- Sue _____ (wash) the dishes when the phone rang.
- My father _____ (cook) lunch when I got home.
- Mary _____ (slice) the bread when she cut her hand.
- My brother _____ (jump) on the bed when my mum walked in.

Choose the correct words in each sentence.

- I **was breaking** / broke his leg when he was playing golf.
- When I arrived, I **was going** / went into the kitchen.
- I **was seeing** / saw an old friend while I was waiting for the bus.
- While I **had** / was having a bath, the phone rang.
- Anna **was meeting** / met Judy while she was doing some shopping.
- While Joe **was cooking** / cooked lunch, Clare arrived.
- Someone **was taking** / took Peter's bag while he was making a phone call.
- While Maria **was walking** home, she **was losing** / lost her money.

Put the verbs in brackets into the **past simple** or **past continuous**.

- When the teacher _____ (come) into the room, two boys _____ (play) football.
- Peter _____ (turn on) the TV, but nothing _____ (happen).
- When Helen _____ (walk) to school, she _____ (see) the old man again.
- While we _____ (run) in the park, Mary _____ (fall over).
- At 7:00 Tony _____ (get) out of bed, and _____ (go) into the bathroom.
- While Kate _____ (drink) some milk, she _____ (drop) the glass.
- While I _____ (listen) to music, I _____ (hear) the door _____ (open).

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