

## Let's Practice: Past Simple Tense

**Past Simple: Fill in the blank with the positive, negative, or question form of the past simple tense.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) her grandmother last weekend.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) the movie because it was too late.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the party on Saturday?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football after school.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) his homework last night.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new jacket yesterday.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (like) the surprise?
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) breakfast this morning.
9. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the game.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Spain last summer?
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) me back.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a shooting star last night.
13. What time \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home?
14. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand) the question.
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a delicious cake for the party.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) the new neighbors?
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to the meeting.
18. We \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) all night at the wedding.
19. Why \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) after the movie?
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) the bus to school.
21. They \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late to the concert.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the trip?
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not wear) a jacket, even though it was cold.
24. I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a wallet on the street.
25. What \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (say) about the test?



## Past Simple: Answer Key

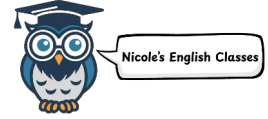
1. She **visited** her grandmother last weekend.
2. We **did not (didn't) watch** the movie because it was too late.
3. **Did you go** to the party on Saturday?
4. They **played** football after school.
5. He **did not (didn't) finish** his homework last night.
6. I **bought** a new jacket yesterday.
7. **Did she like** the surprise?
8. We **did not (didn't) eat** breakfast this morning.
9. My brother **won** the game.
10. **Did they travel** to Spain last summer?
11. She **did not (didn't) call** me back.
12. I **saw** a shooting star last night.
13. What time **did you get** home?
14. They **did not (didn't) understand** the question.
15. He **made** a delicious cake for the party.
16. **Did your parents meet** the new neighbors?
17. I **did not (didn't) go** to the meeting.
18. We **danced** all night at the wedding.
19. Why **did she cry** after the movie?
20. He **did not (didn't) take** the bus to school.
21. They **arrived** late to the concert.
22. **Did you enjoy** the trip?
23. She **did not (didn't) wear** a jacket, even though it was cold.
24. I **found** a wallet on the street.
25. What **did he say** about the test?



## Let's Practice: Past Continuous Tense

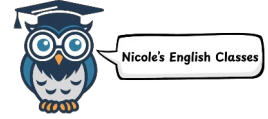
**Past Continuous: Fill in the blank with the positive, negative, or question form of the past continuous tense.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for her exam when I called.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) TV at that time.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work this morning?
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a really good book last night.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to the teacher.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) during the movie.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when you arrived?
8. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the yard all afternoon.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) attention during the meeting.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about the project?
11. My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when I got home.
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not walk) to school because it was raining.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an email while she was calling me.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not wear) a jacket even though it was cold.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (text) me earlier today?
16. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) their homework in class.
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music while driving.
18. What \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) about last night?
19. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus when it started to snow.
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not sleep) well because of the noise.
21. He \_\_\_\_\_ (run) when he fell and hurt his knee.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ your brother \_\_\_\_\_ (use) the computer last night?
23. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not feel) well, so I stayed home.
24. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the lights went out.
25. Why \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) at the end of the movie?



### Past Continuous: Answer Key

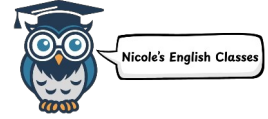
1. She **was studying** for her exam when I called.
2. We **weren't (were not) watching** TV at that time.
3. **Were** you **driving** to work this morning?
4. I **was reading** a really good book last night.
5. They **weren't (were not) listening** to the teacher.
6. He **was sleeping** during the movie.
7. What **was** she **doing** when you arrived?
8. The kids **were playing** in the yard all afternoon.
9. I **wasn't (was not) paying** attention during the meeting.
10. **Were** they **talking** about the project?
11. My mom **was cooking** dinner when I got home.
12. We **weren't (were not) walking** to school because it was raining.
13. I **was writing** an email while she was calling me.
14. He **wasn't (was not) wearing** a jacket even though it was cold.
15. **Were** you **texting** me earlier today?
16. The students **weren't (were not) doing** their homework in class.
17. I **was listening** to music while driving.
18. What **were** they **arguing** about last night?
19. She **was waiting** for the bus when it started to snow.
20. We **weren't (were not) sleeping** well because of the noise.
21. He **was running** when he fell and hurt his knee.
22. **Was** your brother **using** the computer last night?
23. I **wasn't (was not) feeling** well, so I stayed home.
24. They **were having** dinner when the lights went out.
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## Let's Practice: Past Simple and Past Continuous Tense

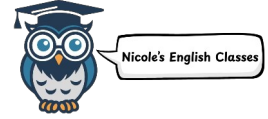
**Past Simple and Past Continuous: Fill in the blank with the positive, negative, or question form of the past simple or the past continuous.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (break) her phone while she \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to catch the bus.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when the power \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
4. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (study), my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep while he \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) the question.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (go) off?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an old friend while I \_\_\_\_\_ (shop) downtown.
9. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the wall, she \_\_\_\_\_ (spill) the paint.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) through the mountains when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to snow.
11. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) loudly when the principal \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in.
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) his finger while he \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner.
13. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the train, it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to rain.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) my phone while I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) off the bus.
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) her phone because she \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.
16. What \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (say) while you \_\_\_\_\_ (take) notes?
17. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the kitchen, someone \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door.
18. They \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) about money when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his glasses while he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball.
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not drive) fast when the accident \_\_\_\_\_ (happen).
21. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower, the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
22. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a snowman when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to melt.
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) her keys while she \_\_\_\_\_ (jog) in the park.
24. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
25. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) while they \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the house?



## Past Simple and Past Continuous: Answer Key

1. I **was walking** home when it **started** to rain.
2. She **broke** her phone while she **was running** to catch the bus.
3. We **were having** dinner when the power **went** out.
4. While I **was studying**, my friends **were playing** video games.
5. He **fell** asleep while he **was watching** TV.
6. They **were not listening** when the teacher **asked** the question.
7. What **were** you **doing** when the fire alarm **went** off?
8. I **saw** an old friend while I **was shopping** downtown.
9. While she **was painting** the wall, she **spilled** the paint.
10. We **were driving** through the mountains when it **started** to snow.
11. The students **were talking** loudly when the principal **walked** in.
12. He **cut** his finger while he **was cooking** dinner.
13. While they **were waiting** for the train, it suddenly **began** to rain.
14. I **dropped** my phone while I **was getting** off the bus.
15. She **did not hear** her phone because she **was listening** to music.
16. What **did** he **say** while you **were taking** notes?
17. While I **was cleaning** the kitchen, someone **knocked** on the door.
18. They **were arguing** about money when I **arrived**.
19. He **broke** his glasses while he **was playing** basketball.
20. We **were not driving** fast when the accident **happened**.
21. While I **was taking** a shower, the phone **rang**.
22. The kids **were building** a snowman when it **started** to melt.
23. She **lost** her keys while she **was jogging** in the park.
24. I **was reading** a book when the lights **went** out.
25. What **were** you **doing** while they **were cleaning** the house?



## Let's Practice: Past Perfect Tense

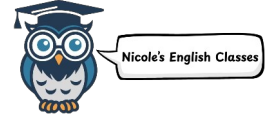
**Past Perfect: Fill in the blank with the positive, negative, or question form of the past perfect tense.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (already / leave) when I arrived.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) dinner before the movie started.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (never / see) a shooting star before that night.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Chicago before they moved to New York.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hear) the news until I saw it online.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Paris before your trip in 2020?
7. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) by the time we got to the station.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (save) enough money to buy a car.
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / clean) the house before the guests arrived.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the book before seeing the movie.
11. By the time the show started, we \_\_\_\_\_ (find) our seats.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / try) sushi until last year.
13. They \_\_\_\_\_ (close) the store when I got there.
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ (write) five pages before taking a break.
15. We \_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for years before we got married.
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) his name because we hadn't met in so long.
17. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the cookies before dinner.
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the test before the teacher explained the rules.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her homework before dinner?
20. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) much before the exam.
21. They \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) their house before moving abroad.
22. We \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her once before at a conference.
23. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / fix) the car before the trip.
24. She \_\_\_\_\_ (already / go) to bed when I called.
25. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ (start) by the time we arrived.



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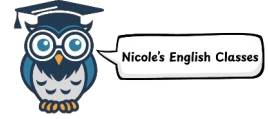
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24. She **had already gone** to bed when I called.
25. The movie **had started** by the time we arrived.



## Let's Practice: Past Perfect Continuous Tense

**Past Perfect Continuous: Fill in the blank with the positive, negative, or question form of the past perfect continuous tense.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for hours before the test started.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus for 30 minutes before it arrived.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the city for five years before moving to the suburbs.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (work) all day, so we were really tired.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) well before he visited the doctor.
6. The team \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) hard before the big game.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / feel) well, so I went home early.
8. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) before I called?
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) all afternoon before the guests arrived.
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) for hours before it finally stopped.
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a new apartment before they found one.
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) for two hours when the car broke down.
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) enough before the exam.
14. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (play) outside before it got dark.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) emails all morning.
16. How long \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) there before quitting?
17. We \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about it for months before deciding.
18. You \_\_\_\_\_ (not / exercise) regularly, had you?
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) the trip for weeks.
20. She \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the room before she got sick.
21. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / pay) attention before the teacher asked me a question.
22. He \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV for hours before he noticed the time.
23. We \_\_\_\_\_ (shop) for hours before finding the right gift.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) long before I arrived?
25. They \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) all day when I saw them.



## Past Perfect Continuous: Answer Key

1. I **had been studying** for hours before the test started.
2. They **had been waiting** for the bus for 30 minutes before it arrived.
3. She **had been living** in the city for five years before moving to the suburbs.
4. We **had been working** all day, so we were really tired.
5. He **had not been sleeping** well before he visited the doctor.
6. The team **had been practicing** hard before the big game.
7. I **had not been feeling** well, so I went home early.
8. What **had you been doing** before I called?
9. She **had been cooking** all afternoon before the guests arrived.
10. It **had been raining** for hours before it finally stopped.
11. They **had been looking** for a new apartment before they found one.
12. We **had been driving** for two hours when the car broke down.
13. He **had not been studying** enough before the exam.
14. The kids **had been playing** outside before it got dark.
15. I **had been writing** emails all morning.
16. How long **had she been working** there before quitting?
17. We **had been talking** about it for months before deciding.
18. You **had not been exercising** regularly, had you?
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20. She **had been painting** the room before she got sick.
21. I **had not been paying** attention before the teacher asked me a question.
22. He **had been watching** TV for hours before he noticed the time.
23. We **had been shopping** for hours before finding the right gift.
24. **Had you been waiting** long before I arrived?
25. They **had been arguing** all day when I saw them.