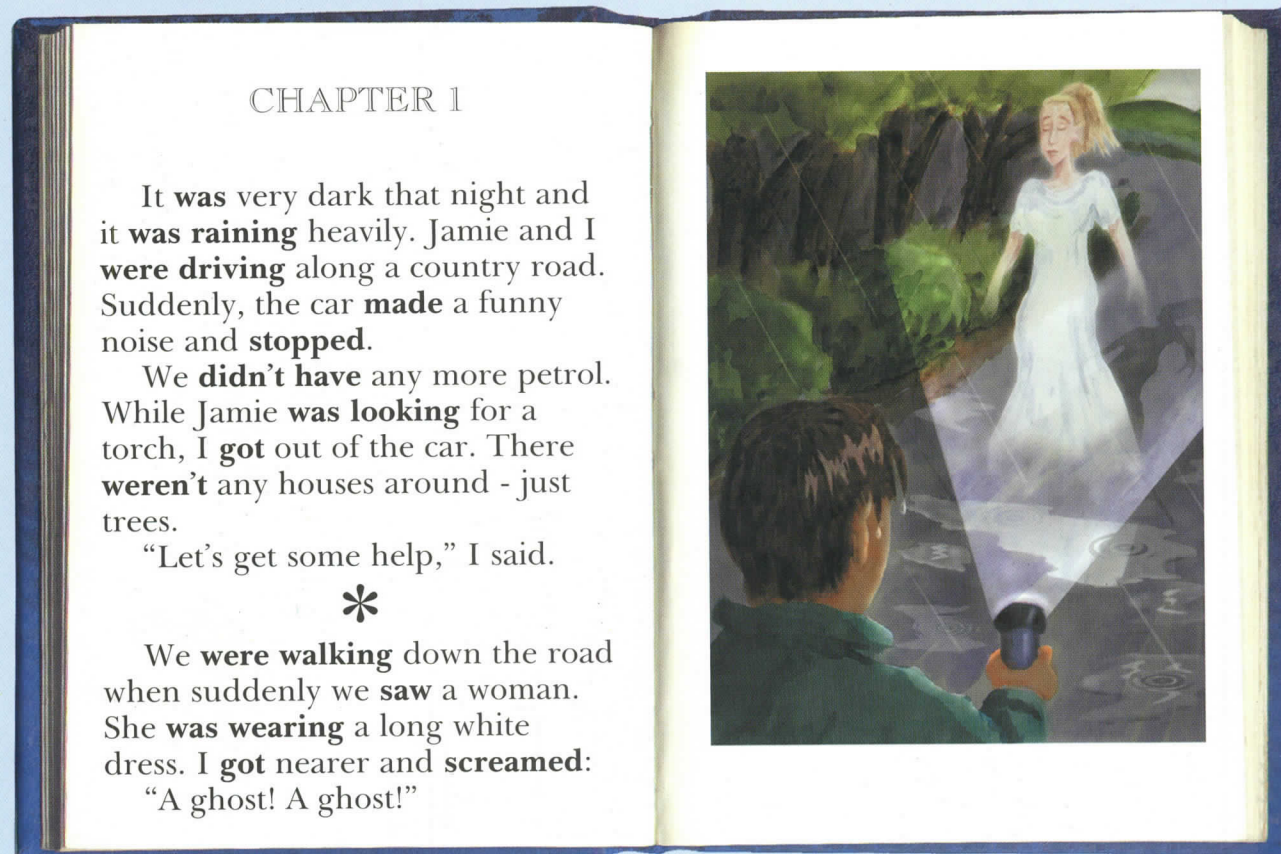


# Unit 6

## Past Simple Past Progressive

**She was wearing a long white dress.**

Read the text.



The sentences below are wrong. Rewrite them and correct them.

1 Jamie and the writer were driving in the city.

\_\_\_\_\_

2 The car stopped because it was raining heavily.

\_\_\_\_\_

3 Jamie and the writer were sitting in the car when they saw the woman.

\_\_\_\_\_

4 When Jamie and the writer saw the woman, Jamie screamed.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

### a Past Simple

We use the **Past Simple**:

- for actions that took place at a definite time in the past.  
*I did my homework last night.*
- for past habits or for actions that took place repeatedly in the past.  
*I often went to the cinema when I was young.*

- We form the Past Simple of **regular verbs** by adding **-ed** to the base form of the verb in **all** persons.
- Each **irregular** verb forms the **affirmative** form of the **Past Simple** in a different way. You will find these verbs in the Table of Irregular Verbs on pages 152-153.
- All verbs (regular and Irregular) form the **interrogative** and **negative** form of the **Past Simple** with **did / didn't + base form**.

Affirmative	Negative	
	FULL FORMS	SHORT FORMS
I worked / ate	I did not work / eat	I didn't work / eat
He/She/It worked / ate	He/She/It did not work / eat	He/She/It didn't work / eat
We/You/They worked / ate	We/You/They did not work / eat	We/You/They didn't work / eat

Interrogative	Short Answers	
Did I work / eat?	Yes, I did.	No, I didn't.
Did he/she/it work / eat?	Yes, he/she/it did.	No, he/she/it didn't.
Did we/you/they work / eat?	Yes, we/you/they did.	No, we/you/they didn't.

### Spelling

dance → danced	<b>but</b>	shout → shouted
stop → stopped		visit → visited
prefer → preferred		play → played
study → studied		sail → sailed
travel → travelled		

### Time Expressions

yesterday, the day before yesterday  
last night/week/month/year, etc.  
two days/hours/years, etc. ago  
on Monday / in March / in 1998, etc.  
last Sunday, last March, etc.

### b Past Progressive

We use the **Past Progressive**:

- for an action that was happening in the past and was interrupted by another action. The **longer action** is in the **Past Progressive** and the **shorter action** (which interrupted the longer one) is in the **Past Simple**. We usually use **while** and **when**.  
*I was having a bath when the phone rang.*
- for actions that were taking place at the same time in the past.  
*She was reading a book while he was listening to music.*
- to describe background scenes to a story.  
*It was snowing and Sue was trying to start the car. Suddenly, she saw...*
- for actions that were taking place at a specific point of time in the past.  
*I was watching a film at ten o'clock last night.*



Affirmative	Negative	
	FULL FORMS	SHORT FORMS
I was eating	I was not eating	I wasn't eating
You were eating	You were not eating	You weren't eating
He was eating	He was not eating	He wasn't eating
She was eating	She was not eating	She wasn't eating
It was eating	It was not eating	It wasn't eating
We were eating	We were not eating	We weren't eating
You were eating	You were not eating	You weren't eating
They were eating	They were not eating	They weren't eating

Interrogative	Short Answers	
Was I eating?	Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
Were you eating?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
Was he eating?	Yes, he was.	No, he wasn't.
Was she eating?	Yes, she was.	No, she wasn't.
Was it eating?	Yes, it was.	No, it wasn't.
Were we eating?	Yes, we were.	No, we weren't.
Were you eating?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
Were they eating?	Yes, they were.	No, they weren't.

- Notes:**
- To describe past habits or actions that happened repeatedly in the past we use the Past Simple, **not** the Past Progressive.  
*I played football every day when I was young.*
  - Stative verbs** are not usually used in the Past Progressive.

## activities

**a** Look at the pictures and the prompts. Write questions and answers. Use the **Past Simple**.



1 Karen / stay / hotel / last summer / ?

*Did Karen stay at a hotel*

*last summer?*

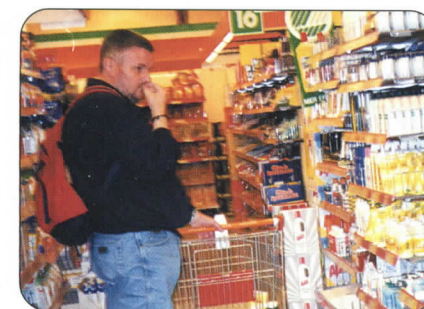
*Yes, she did.*



2 Mary and Tom / wash / bikes / yesterday / ?



3 Tina / send / Jane / letter / two weeks ago / ?



4 Dennis / go / bank / yesterday morning / ?

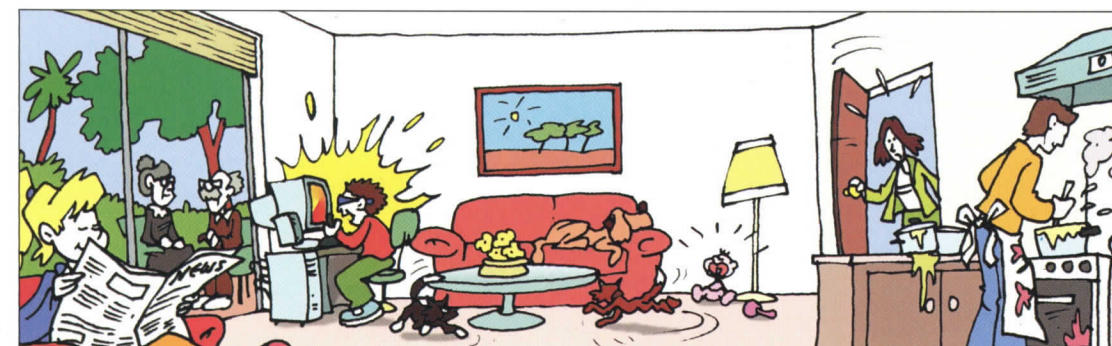


5 Lucy and Sue / have / lunch / restaurant / yesterday / ?



6 girls / meet / library / noon / ?

**b** What was everybody doing when Mrs Hunt came home from work yesterday afternoon? Look at the picture and complete the sentences with the **Past Progressive** of the verbs in the box.



read  
run  
cook  
sleep  
sit  
play  
cry

- 1 Mr Hunt was cooking dinner.      5 Grandfather and grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
- 2 John \_\_\_\_\_ computer games.      6 The dog \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper.      7 The cats \_\_\_\_\_ around the living room.
- 4 The baby \_\_\_\_\_.

**c** Look at the pictures and the prompts. Write questions and answers. Use the **Past Progressive**.



1 Rob / play / football / 6:00 / yesterday / ?

*Was Rob playing football at 6:00 yesterday?*

*No, he wasn't. He was*

*playing basketball.*

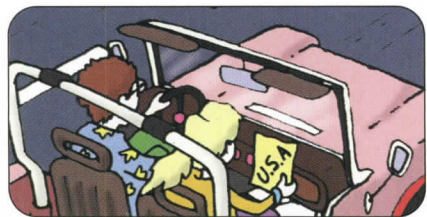


2 children / sleep / 10:00 / last night / ?



3 it / rain / last Thursday / ?





4 the Wilsons / travel / around / Europe / two months ago / ?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



5 Diane / wear / dress / school / yesterday / ?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



6 Chris / do / homework / yesterday afternoon / ?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



4 ride / start raining

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



5 walk / find

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



6 watch / hear

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**d** Complete the sentences with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Progressive** of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We were eating (eat) lunch when the doorbell rang (ring).
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/walk) to school when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) raining?
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) the car last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it last month.
- 4 While I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for a test yesterday, my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (have) fun with his friends.
- 5 While my father \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work this morning, he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an elephant in the middle of the road!
- 6 When Mr Trent \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his wife, he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as an English teacher in Paris.
- 7 Kelly \_\_\_\_\_ (park) her car, \_\_\_\_\_ (get) out and \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the bookshop.
- 8 What \_\_\_\_\_ (John/do) while you \_\_\_\_\_ (skate)?
- 9 My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) a board game when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
- 10 What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/say)? I \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to you.

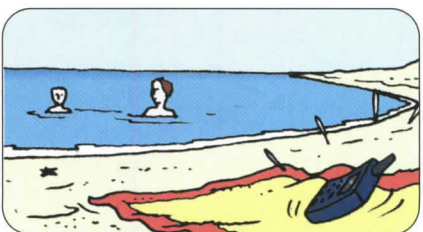
**e** Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the verbs below the pictures in the **Past Simple** or the **Past Progressive** and **when**.



1 clean / see

*She was cleaning the garage when she saw a spider.*

\_\_\_\_\_



2 swim / ring

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



3 fish / see

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**f** can you remember?

Circle the correct words.

Yesterday Kevin (1) lazy / lazily got out of bed and looked at his watch. "Oh, no! I'm late for school again! I must try to wake up (2) earlier / earliest," he thought. He ate his breakfast (3) quicker / quickly and left. He (4) running / was running to the bus stop when he saw something on the road. It was a gold watch. He put it in his pocket and (5) went / was going to the police station. Kevin (6) was telling / told a police officer about the watch when he heard a voice behind him. "That's my watch!" said a man. He took the watch and asked: "Where (7) were you find / did you find it?" "On the road," said Kevin. "Thank you, young man. You did (8) good / well. I'm the (9) luckier / luckiest man in town because this watch is very expensive," he said and (10) gave / was giving Kevin £100. "Come on, I'll drive you to school and explain everything to your teacher." Kevin smiled (11) happy / happily and walked out of the police station.

**g** Communication

Work in pairs.

- Choose six of the activities in the vocabulary box to complete the diary on the next page for last weekend, but don't tell your partner.
- Ask your partner questions, as in the example, to find out what he/she did last weekend and when he/she was doing these activities. Write his/her answers on the diary.
- Then, answer your partner's questions and compare your answers.

vocabulary box

- play table tennis
- make cake
- plant flowers
- send e-mails
- prepare dinner
- paint bedroom
- build dog-house
- fix bike
- clean garage