



Past Simple v Past Continuous Forms



Past Tense Use

The past simple and the past continuous tenses have very different forms. Let's review them.

Past Tense Use

AFFIRMATIVE

Past Simple	Past Continuous
Subject + Past Simple	Subject + Was/were + Present Participle
I walked You walked He walked She walked It walked We walked They walked	I was walking You were walking He was walking She was walking It was walking We were walking They were walking

Past Tense Use

NEGATIVE

Past Simple	Past Continuous
Subject + Didn't + Infinitive	Subject + Wasn't/weren't + Present Participle
I didn't walk You didn't walk He didn't walk She didn't walk It didn't walk We didn't walk They didn't walk	I wasn't walking You weren't walking He wasn't walking She wasn't walking It was walking We weren't walking They weren't walking

Past Tense Use

QUESTIONS

Past Simple	Past Continuous
Question Word + Did + Subject + Infinitive	Question Word + Was/Were + Subject + Present Participle
Where did I walk? Where did you walk? Where did he walk? Where did she walk? Where did it walk? Where did we walk? Where did they walk?	Where was I walking? Where were you walking? Where was he walking? Where was she walking? Where was it walking? Where were we walking? Where were they walking?

Past Tense Use

SHORT RESPONSES

Past Simple		Past Continuous	
Yes, I did Yes, you did Yes, he did Yes, she did Yes, it did Yes, we did Yes, they did	No, I didn't No, you didn't No, he didn't No, she didn't No, it didn't No, we didn't No, they didn't	Yes, I was Yes, you were Yes, he was Yes, she was Yes, it was Yes, we were Yes, they were	No, I wasn't No, you weren't No, he wasn't No, she wasn't No, it wasn't No, we weren't No, they weren't