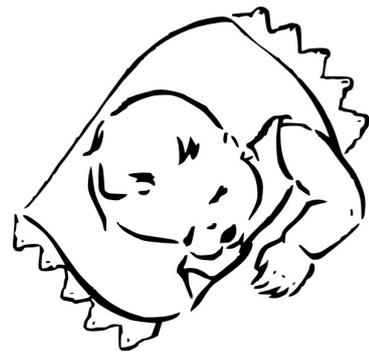


# Past tenses

## Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, Past Perfect Continuous

1. Sue ..... (be) late for work because she ..... (oversleep).
2. I ..... (walk) down the street when I ..... (bump) into Mary. I ..... (not see) her for ages.
3. What exactly ..... you ..... (do) yesterday at 7 pm?
4. Alice ..... (cook) for two hours before the guests ..... (arrive).
5. How long ..... you ..... (wait) before they ..... (come)?
6. The police ..... (arrest) him because he ..... (rob) the bank.
7. After we ..... (leave) the office, we ..... (head) for a pub.
8. Grandma ..... (have) a nap while I ..... (read) a magazine.
9. Our neighbours ..... (have) a barbecue yesterday.
10. I ..... (wake) up in the middle of the night when my neighbours upstairs ..... (start) an argument.
11. Paul ..... (buy) a new car after his previous one ..... (break) down.
12. The baby ..... (sleep) for half an hour when Ted ..... (come) back home.
13. Michael ..... (not appear) until we ..... (call) him.
14. Children ..... (cross) the road when a car ..... (hit) them.
15. The police ..... (take) away Matt's driving license after he ..... (exceed) the speed limit.
16. We ..... (eat) our breakfast ten minutes ago.



## KEY

1. Sue .....**was**..... (be) late for work because she .....**had overslept**.... (oversleep).
2. I .....**was walking**.. (walk) down the street when I ...**bumped**..... (bump) into Mary.  
I .....**hadn't seen** (not see) her for ages.
3. What exactly ...**were**.. you ...**doing**. (do) yesterday at 7 pm?
4. Alice **had been cooking** (cook) for two hours before the guests ...**arrived**... (arrive).
5. How long ...**had**. you ...**been waiting**. (wait) before they ...**came**... (come)?
6. The police ...**arrested**.. (arrest) him because he ...**had robbed**.. (rob) the bank.
7. After we ...**had left**.. (leave) the office, we ...**headed**.. (head) for a pub.
8. Grandma ...**was having**. (have) a nap while I **was reading**.. (read) a magazine.
9. Our neighbours .....**had**.... (have) a barbecue yesterday.
10. I ...**woke up**... (wake) up in the middle of the night when my neighbours upstairs ...**had started**. (start) an argument.
11. Paul ...**bought**.... (buy) a new car after his previous one **had broken**... (break) down.
12. The baby ...**had been sleeping**.. (sleep) for half an hour when Ted **came**.... (come) back home.
13. Michael **hadn't appeared** (not appear) until we ...**called** (call) him.
14. Children **were crossing**. (cross) the road when a car ...**hit**..... (hit) them.
15. The police ...**took** (take) away Matt's driving license after he **had exceeded**... (exceed) the speed limit.
16. We .....**ate**..... (eat) our breakfast ten minutes ago.