

PAST TENSES REVISION

PAST SIMPLE (Ved/2)

- actions completed in the past;
 - past habits;
 - past actions which happened one immediately after the other;
 - completely past actions not connected to the present with a stated or implied time reference.
- Time expressions:** *yesterday, yesterday morning/evening, last night/week, two weeks/a month ago, in 1988, etc.*

PAST CONTINUOUS (was/were Ving)

- actions which were in progress at a stated time in the past;
 - a past action which was in progress when another action interrupted it;
 - two or more actions which were happening at the same time in the past.
- Time expressions:** *while, when, as, all day/night/morning, yesterday,*

PAST PERFECT (had Ved/3)

- actions which happened before another past action or before a stated time in the past;
 - an action which finished in the past and whose result was visible in the past.
- Time expressions:** *before, after, already, for, since, just, till/until/when, by, by the time, never, etc.*

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS (had been Ved/3)

- actions which lasted for some time in the past and whose result was visible in the past.
- Time expressions:** *for, since, how long, before, until, etc.*

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past tense.

- A: (you/see) the film last night?
B: No. It (start) before I (finish) my homework.
- A: What (happen) to Tom?
B: He (fall) and (break) his leg while he (ride) his bike to school.
- A: Why (Mary/cry) before?
B: She (train) for the finals for over a week before she (find out) that she had been dis qualified.
- A: When (you/meet) her?
B: Yesterday after I (finish) work.
- A: Why (he/not come)?
B: He (just/arrive) at the airport when he (realise) he (leave) his passport at home.
- A: What (you/do) yesterday at 7 o'clock in the evening?
B: Well, Jane (tidy) the house while I (plant) some flowers.
- A: What (happen) to Kate yesterday?
B: She (walk) home when a man (steal) her bag.
- A: (you/go) out last night?
B: No, I (work) all day, so I (stay) in and (watch) TV.
- A: (you/see) your brother this morning?
B: No, he (already/leave) the house by the time I (wake) up.
- A: Why (you/run) when I (see) you yesterday?
- B: Oh, I (chat) to a friend for ages when I (realise) I was late for school.