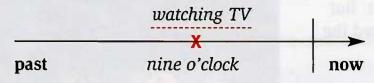
Language reference

GRAMMAR

Past simple & past continuous

We use the past continuous for actions in progress at a particular time in the past. These actions are incomplete.

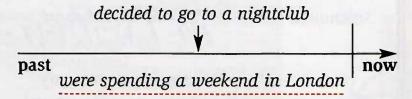
At nine o'clock last night, he was watching TV.



We use the past simple for completed past actions. He decided to buy a lottery ticket.

We often use the past continuous and the past simple together. We use the past continuous for longer, 'background' actions and we use the past simple for shorter, completed actions.

Three friends were spending a weekend in London and they decided to go to a nightclub.



Past continuous

Affirmative subject + was/were + verb + -ing ... Negative subject + was/were + not + verb + -ing ... Question Was/Were + subject + verb + -ing?

Past perfect simple

We use the past perfect to talk about completed actions in the past that happened before other actions in the past.

Rescuers arrived, but Selak had swum to safety.

(= Selak swam to safety and then rescuers arrived.)

We often use the past perfect and the past simple together to show the order in which two actions took place.

Compare the following pair of sentences:

He had married her when he won the lottery.

(= He married her and then he won the lottery.) He married her when he had won the lottery.

(= He won the lottery and then he married her.)

Affirm	ative &	Negative			
I/You/He/She/We/They			had hadn't	broken	a leg.
Questi	on				
What	had	I/you/he/she/we/they done?			

Time linkers

We can use while, as and when to show that two actions happen at the same time.

He was reading a letter while/as/when the doctors were deciding what to do next.

While/As/When the doctors were deciding what to do next, he was reading a letter.

We can use the moment, as soon as and when to show that one action happens immediately after another one.

The boy fell asleep the moment/as soon as/when he climbed onto the sofa.

The moment/As soon as/When the boy climbed onto the sofa, he fell asleep.

We can use by the time to show that one action has happened before another.

The party had finished by the time we arrived. By the time we arrived, the party had finished.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Talking about similarities & differences

Similarities

We can make short statements that begin with so and neither to show a similarity or agreement between what we think and a statement made by another person. We use so after an affirmative statement, and we use neither after a negative statement.

I'm feeling tired. So am I.
She's got a cold. So have I.
They won't be happy. Neither will you.
He hasn't finished. Neither has she.

The auxiliary verb in the first statement is repeated in the statement that begins with so or neither.

If the first statement is in the present simple, the second statement will include *do/don't/does/doesn't*. If the first statement is in the past simple, the second statement will include *did/didn't*.

I like this place. So **do** I. I didn't understand. Neither **did** I.

It is also possible to use too and neither after a pronoun.

He's Canadian. Me too.
She's not well. Me neither.

/hei,stæk/

Differences

When we want to say the opposite of another statement, we do not use so or neither. We use a pronoun followed by an auxiliary verb. We stress both the pronoun and the auxiliary verb.

I can't swim. I can.
I'm not hungry. I am.

If the first statement is in the present simple or the past simple, the second statement will include do/don't/does/doesn't/did/didn't.

I don't like hamburgers. I do! He wants a divorce. She doesn't. They arrived early. You didn't!

Both & neither

We use both and neither to compare two people or things. The meaning of both is positive and the meaning of neither is negative.

Both of them have a good job.

(= He has a good job and she has a good job.)

Neither of them has a good job.

(= He doesn't have a good job and she doesn't have a good job.)

We use a plural verb when both is the subject of the sentence. We normally use a singular verb when neither is the subject of a sentence. When we name the two subjects, both is used with and. Neither is used with nor.

Both Ceri and Philip **speak** Spanish. Neither Ceri nor Philip **speaks** Slovenian.

Both can be used in two positions in a sentence.

Both of them have children. They **both** have children.

WORD LIST

Idioms (taking risks)

a bit of a gamble a lot at stake against the odds give something a go it's a lottery play safe try your luck /a ,bit av a 'gæmbl/
/a ,lat at 'steik/
/a,genst ði: 'bdz/
/gev a 'gau/
/lis a 'lotari/
/plei 'seif/
/trai ja 'luk/

Injuries

ankle n C **
black eye n C
bleed v *
bruise v/n C *
burn v/n C ***
frostbitten adj
scratch n C/v *
shock n C/v ***
sprain n C/v
wrist n C **
suffer from v ***
twist v **
unconscious adj *

/æŋkl/
/blæk 'aı/
/bli:d/
/bru:z/
/bɜ:n/
/frost,bɪtn/
/skrætʃ/
/ʃok/
/spreɪn/
/rɪst/
/sʌfə ˌfrom/
/twɪst/
/ʌn'kɒn[əs/

/əˈkɔ:dɪŋ tu:/

Other words & phrases

according to prep *** addict n C * all-night adj balcony n C * bang v * billion n C ** burglar n C * catch fire v coincidence n C * corpse n C * critic n C *** destroy v *** droppings n pl end up vexplode v ** explosion n C ** fancy v ** fortune n U ** fry v * gamble v * good cause n C governor n C ** handful n C ** have (sth) in common

have (sth) on your

mind

/ædikt/ /jo:l 'nait/ /bælkəni/ /bæn/ /biljan/ /bs:glə/ /kætf 'faiə/ /kəv'ınsıd(ə)ns/ /ko:ps/ /kritik/ /dr'stroi/ /dropinz/ /end 'Ap/ /ık'spləud/ /ık'spləu3n/ /fænsi/ /fo:t[u:n/ /frai/ /gæmbl/ /gud 'ko:z/

/gʌv(ə)nə/ /hændfʊl/ /ˌhæv ɪn ˈkɒmən/

/hæv on jə 'maınd/

haystack n C hiker n C horn n C ** icy adj * identical adj ** income n C *** industry n C *** it's (not) worth it jackpot n C jet set n C legal adj *** leisure club n C lightning n U * liquid n C/U ** local adj/n C ** lucky break n C make-up n U * mate n C ** oven n C ** parachute n C/v paramedic n C parental adj ** pepperoni n U petrol station n C philosophical adj ** pile n C ** plough into v profile n C ** pupil n C *** quick-fix adj rail n C *** reduce v *** regular n C/adj *** regularly adv scream v/n C ** siren n C * smash v ** snake n C * sneeze v solution n C *** solve v *** speedboat n C spit v * spray v/n C/U squash n U * superstition n C survive v ** symphony n C * tempt v ** throughout prep *** toddler n C * toe n C **

turnover n U **

twin adj/n C **

warehouse n C *

twist of fate

wave v ***

wicked adj *

you're kidding

/harkə/ /ho:n/ /aisi/ /ai'dentikl/ /inkam/ /indəstri/ /its not 'wa:0 it/ /dzækpot/ /dzet set/ /li:gl/ /leza klab/ /laitnin/ /likwid/ /laukl/ /laki 'breik/ /meik , Ap/ /meit/ /\vn/ /pærə_Ju:t/ /pærə'medik/ /pəˈrentl/ /pepə'rəuni/ /petral ster[n/ /filə'spfikl/ /pail/ /plau 'intu:/ /praufail/ /pju:pl/ /kwik'fiks/ /reil/ /rɪˈdju:s/ /regjulə/ /regjulali/ /skri:m/ /sairən/ /smæ[/ /sneik/ /sni:z/ /səˈlu:[n/ /splv/ /spi:d,bəut/ /spit/ /sprei/ /skwp[/ /su:pə'stı[n/ /sə'vaiv/ /simfəni/ /tempt/ /Oru:'aut/ /tpdlə/ /təu/ /ts:neuve/ /twin/ /twist av 'feit/ /weəhaus/ /weiv/ /wikid/ /jo: 'kıdıŋ/