**1. The Past Simple**

We use the Past Simple to talk about: **(1) Things that happened in the past** **(πράξεις που έγιναν στο**

**παρελθόν σε καθορισμένο χρόνο)**

**(2) Past habits** **(Συνήθειες στο παρελθόν)**

**Key words:**

**last year, last month, yesterday, ago, in 1987 etc**

**Examples : (1) Did you go** out last night?

I **saw** Jane yesterday.

She **didn't come** home early last night.

They **built** this hospital ten years ago.

**(2)** When she was youngshe **went** to the cinema very often.

When he lived in London he **got up** very early

**2. The Past Continuous**

We use the Past Continuous to talk about: **(1) Actions that were in progress at a particular time in the**

**past**. **(πράξεις που βρίσκονταν σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν)**

**(2) Actions that were in progress when another action**

**happened in the past (πράξεις που βρίσκονταν σε**

**εξέλιξη και διακόπηκαν από άλλη πράξη που έγινε κι**

**αυτή στο παρελθόν)**

**(3) two actions were in progress simultaneously**

**( δυο πράξεις που γινόταν ταυτόχρονα)**

**Examples : (1)** At 5:30 yesterday afternoon they **were playing** tennis.

What **were** you **doing** when I called you last night?

This time last year I **was living** in Brazil.

**(2)** I **was walking** home last night when I met Dave.

Ann was watching television when the phone rang.

While I **was working** in the garden, I hurt my hand.

When Karen arrived, we **were having** dinner.

**(3)** My mum **was preparing dinner** while I was doing the ironing.

**Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct form : *Past Continuous or Past Simple.***

1. Jane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home last night.
2. I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) him he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job in London.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home last night when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me. I was frightened so I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to run.
4. We were in a difficult position. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) what to do.
5. When I was young I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a pilot.
6. "Was Carol at the party last night?" "Yes, and she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a really nice dress."
7. John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a photograph of me while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/look).
8. When the cooker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) fire, Felix \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call) the Fire Brigade.
9. When it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go home.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
11. While James \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) his report, Sheila \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (type) letters.
12. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) up at 7:00, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a quick breakfast and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) straight to work.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) home last night when suddenly a man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (step) into the road in front of me. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) very fast but luckily I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to stop in time.
14. Christopher Columbus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (discover) America in 1492.
15. Jane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Canada three years ago.
16. When I was 11 years old, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my grandparents very often.