

PAST SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS REVIEW

Review: Past simple and continuous

Choose the best verb forms in the sentences below.

1. I **went** / **was going** to bed late last night.
2. Sue **didn't visit** / **wasn't visiting** the Louvre Museum when she was in Paris.
3. What **did you do** / **were you doing** at 5 p.m. yesterday?
4. **Did you have** / **were you having** breakfast this morning?
5. I **cut** / **was cutting** my finger while I **cooked** / **was cooking**.
6. He **came** / **was coming** home at 7 p.m. and **played** / **was playing** video games.
7. Mark **listened** / **was listening** to music while he **ran** / **was running**.
8. They **didn't sleep** / **weren't sleeping** when the fire started.

Review: Past simple

I **went** to bed late last night.

Olivia **didn't visit** the Louvre Museum when she **was** in Paris.

Did you **have** breakfast this morning?

He **came** home at 7 p.m. and **played** video games.

**Past simple:
actions that
happened at a
stated or implied
time in the past.**

Review: Past simple

I **went** to bed late **last night**.

Olivia **didn't visit** the Louvre Museum **when she was in Paris**.

Did you **have** breakfast **this morning**?

He **came** home **at 7 p.m.** and **played** video games.

Notice the time
expressions that
go with past
simple.

Review: Past continuous

What **were** you **doing** at 5 p.m. yesterday?

Mark **was listening** to music while he **was running**.

Past continuous: an action in progress at a specific time in the past, two or more actions in progress at the same time in the past.

Review: Past continuous

What **were** you **doing** **at 5 p.m. yesterday**?

Mark **was listening** to music **while** he **was running**.

Notice the time expressions that go with past continuous and the use of 'while' for two actions happening simultaneously.

Review: Past continuous

What **were** you **doing** **at 5 p.m. yesterday**?

Mark **was listening** to music **while** he **was running**.



Review: Past continuous

I **cut** my finger while I **was cooking**.

They **weren't sleeping** when the fire **started**.

**Past continuous:
a past action in
progress when
another action
interrupted it (*past
simple*).**

Review: Past continuous

I **cut** my finger **while** I **was cooking**.

They **weren't sleeping** **when** the fire **started**.

Notice the use of
'while' + past
continuous for a
longer action in
progress.

We can also say
"I cut my finger
when / as I was
cooking."

Notice the use of
'when' + past
simple for a
shorter action
which interrupts
the action in
progress.

Review: Past continuous

I **cut** my finger **while** I **was cooking**.

They **weren't sleeping** **when** the fire **started**.



Review: Past continuous vs Past simple

Notice the
difference in
meaning.

When my friends **arrived**, my mum **was cooking** dinner.

When my friends **arrived**, my mum **cooked** dinner.



Grammar rules: Affirmative

PAST SIMPLE

Simon and his friends **played** football yesterday.

Subject

Verb

PAST CONTINUOUS

They were playing football when the rain *started*.

Subject

Aux

Verb-ing



Grammar rules: Negative

PAST SIMPLE

I didn't sleep well last night.

Subject

Aux-n't

Verb

PAST CONTINUOUS

I wasn't sleeping when you *phoned* me.

Subject

Aux-n't

Verb-ing



Grammar rules: Questions

PAST SIMPLE

Did you cycle to school this morning?

Aux

Subject

Verb



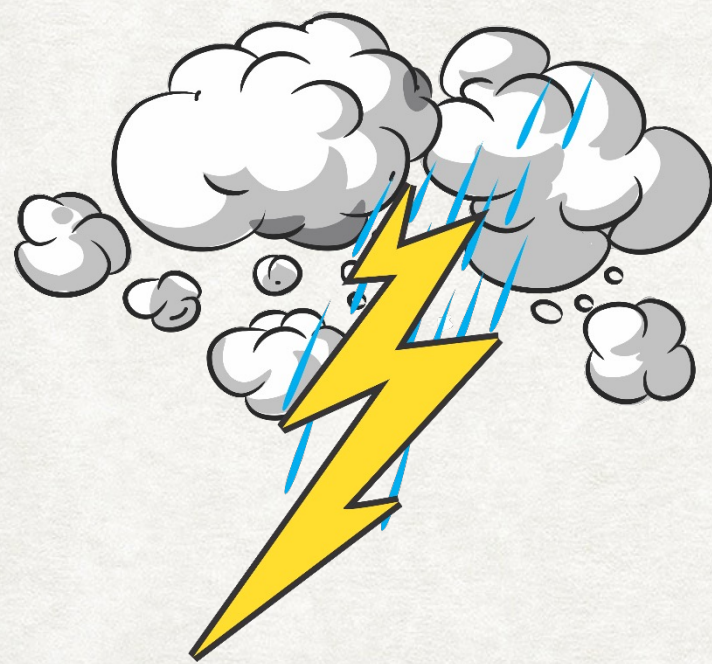
PAST CONTINUOUS

Were you cycling when the storm *came*?

Aux

Subject

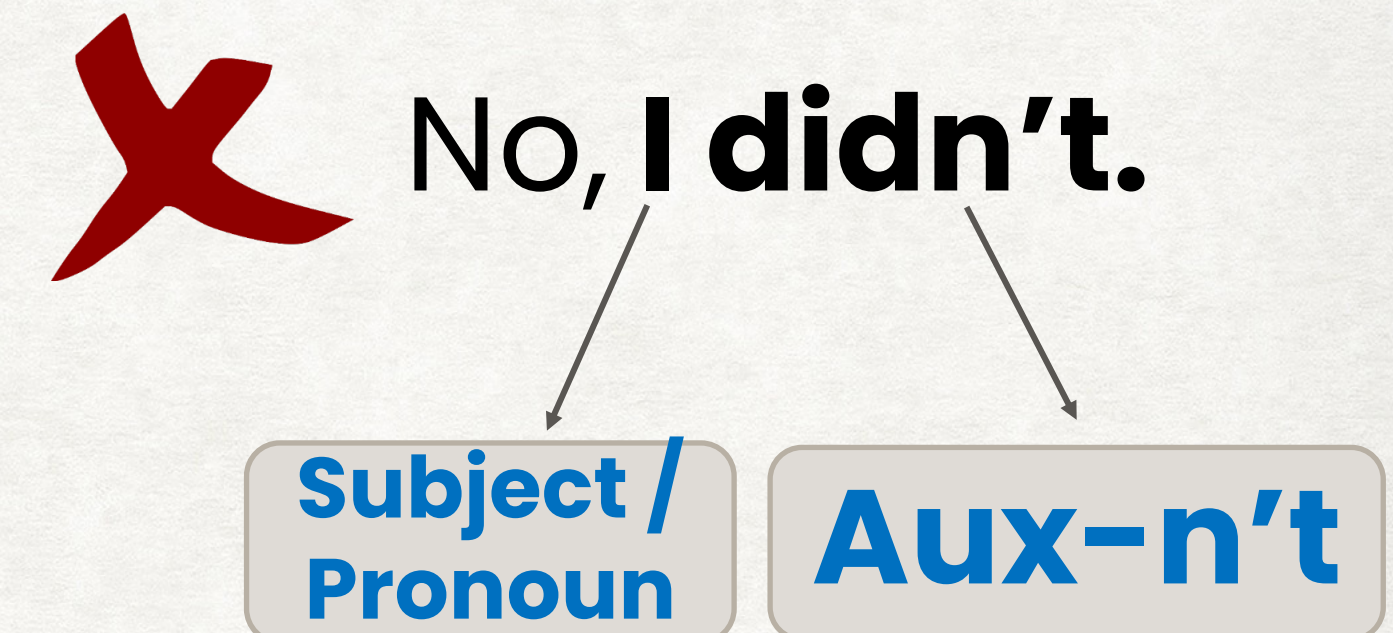
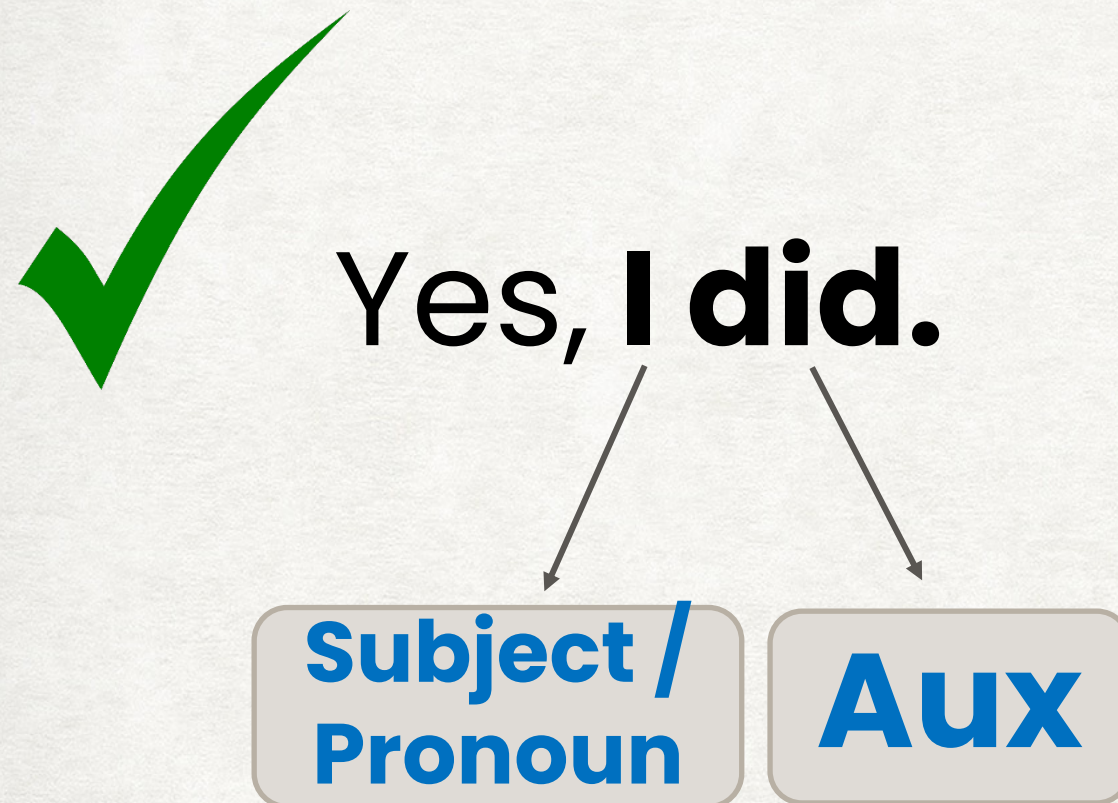
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Grammar rules: Questions – short answers

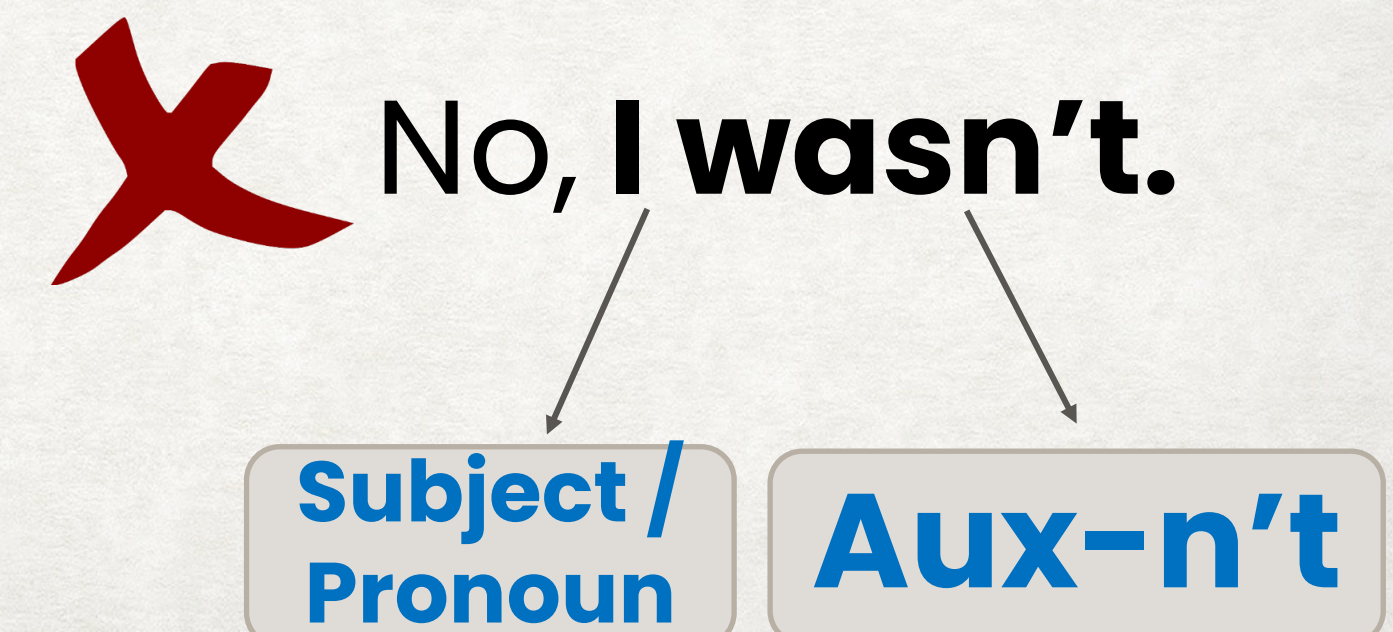
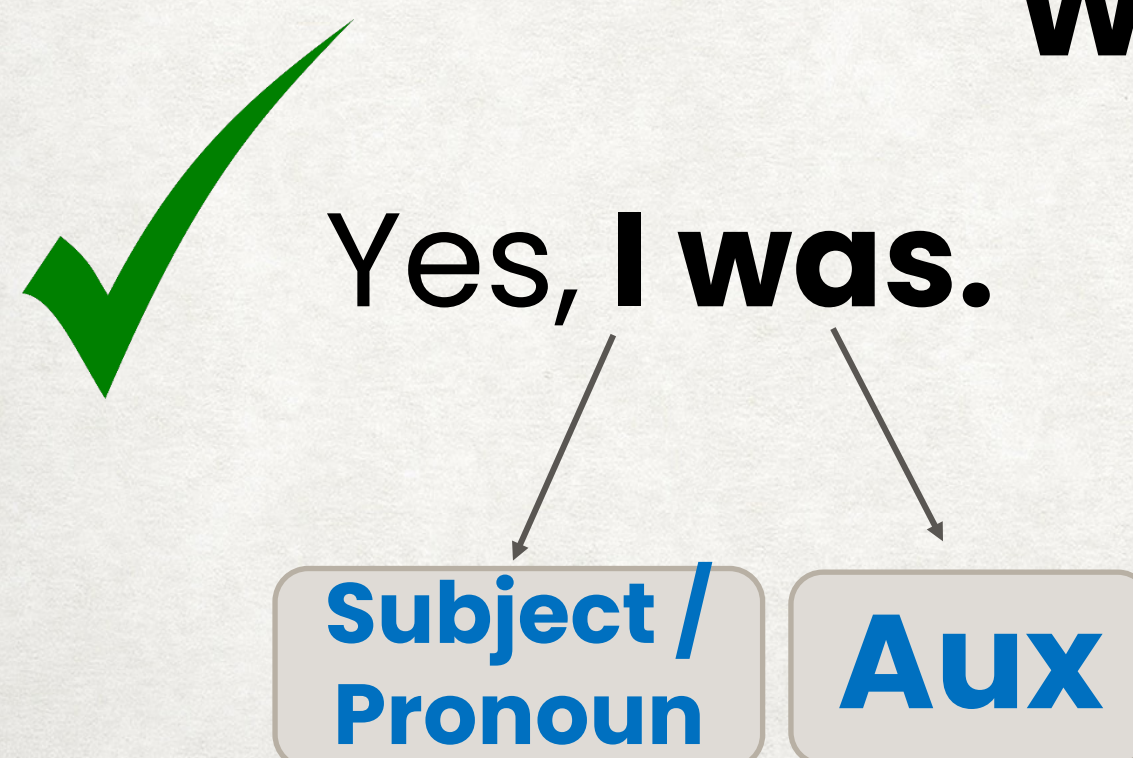
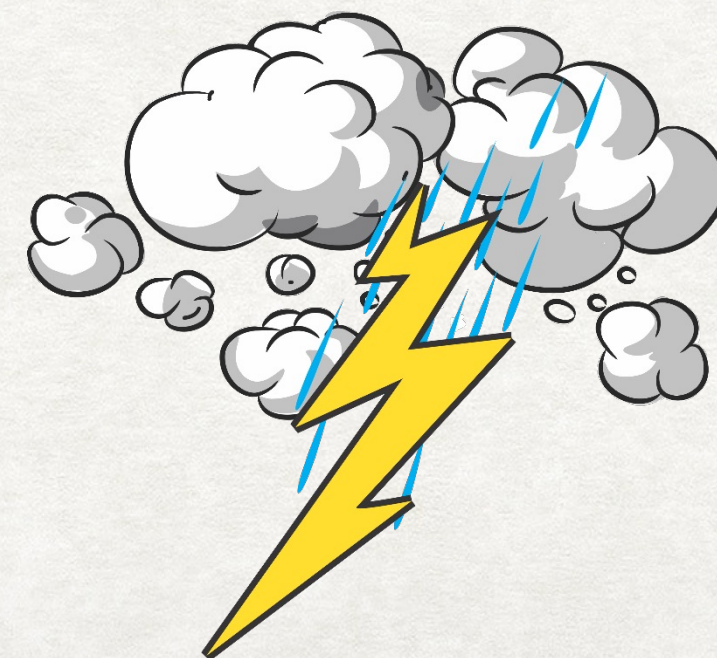
PAST SIMPLE

Did you cycle to school this morning?



PAST CONTINUOUS

Were you cycling when the storm *came*?



Review

Answer the following questions by using the pictures as a clue.

What did Anna do last night?

She read her book.



Were you travelling on the bus at 8:00?

No, I wasn't, I was skateboarding!



What was Tim doing when it started to rain?

He was walking his dog in the park.



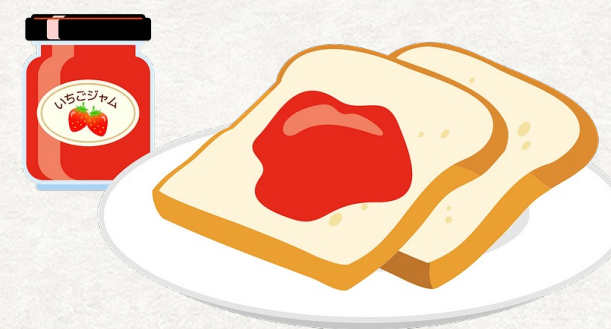
What language was the teacher speaking?

She was teaching the children Chinese!



What did you have for breakfast?

I had toast with strawberry jam.



Where did you go after watching the film?

We went shopping.



Was Harry awake when you came home?

No, he wasn't. He was sleeping.



Why were you crying when I came in?

I was chopping onions!



See you next time!