

3. PAST SIMPLE (Αόριστος απλός)

(I worked, she worked, did I/he work? he didn't work...)

Χρησιμοποιείται για να περιγράψει:

α. μια πράξη που έγινε και τελείωσε σε μια συγκεκριμένη στιγμή στο παρελθόν ή για πράξεις που δεν είναι δυνατό να επαναληφθούν (ανακαλύψεις, εφευρέσεις κλπ)

- I went shopping yesterday.

- A. G. Bell discovered the telephone.

β. επανάληψη στο παρελθόν (+ when clause)

- When I was a child, I always went to the park on Sunday.

γ. διαδοχικές πράξεις στο παρελθόν

- He stood up, walked out the door and left quietly.

Adverbs / Time expressions

Συνήθως «μπαίνουν» στο τέλος της πρότασης . αν όμως θέλουμε να δώσουμε έμφαση, τότε μπορούμε να τα τοποθετήσουμε στην αρχή.

Yesterday, ago, last ..., in the year 2000, this morning, at 8 o'clock etc

- **This morning**, he came late. (τώρα είναι μεσημέρι, απόγευμα ή βράδυ-σίγουρα όχι πρωί)

- **Many years ago**, people had no electricity.

Special structures

1. The last time+ past+ was+... ago/in /on /at

The last time I saw Niki , was 2 years ago / in August / on Sunday...

2. How long ago?

How long ago did she finish high school?

How long ago did she (last) go to the cinema?

3. How long is it since + past simple

How long is it since you last saw her?

How long is it since you (last) saw her?

** το Last χρησιμοποιείται για πράξεις που τείνουν να επαναληφθούν. Π.χ δεν μπορούμε να πούμε : How long is it since he last died / left his work? Etc

*** How long + present perfect + since

How long has it been since you graduated?

4. PAST PROGRESSIVE

(I was working was she working, they were working, we weren't working....)

Περιγράφει :

a. μια πράξη σε εξέλιξη σε μια συγκεκριμένη χρονική /περίοδο στο παρελθόν + Time expressions

- The fire was still burning at 8 a.m.

- The dog was howling all night!

- We were watching T.V all evening.

b. μια πράξη σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν η οποία διακόπηκε από κάποια άλλη

Past progressive + when + past simple

- We were sleeping when the earthquake started.

- I was sunbathing when it started raining.

c. για ταυτόχρονες πράξεις στο παρελθόν

Past progressive + while + past progressive

- They were playing football while we were jogging.

- Mary was sleeping while I was doing the housework.

Then, from.. to , at that time, at 7 o'clock,

USED TO

Χρησιμοποιείται για να περιγράψει μια συνήθεια στο παρελθόν η οποία είτε σταμάτησε είτε άλλαξε.

Είναι πάντα σε αόριστο και δεν παίρνει άλλο τύπο.

I used to play tennis

He used to drink a lot of coffee.

Negation / Question σχηματίζονται με το βοηθητικό did.

He didn't use to drink tea.

Did you use to get up early?

He never used to play cards.

Practice

A. Past (simple or progressive)

1. He..... (sit) in a café when I..... (see) him.
2. When I..... (realize) what he..... (mean) it be too late.
3. The bus..... (leave) while I..... (walk) down the road.
4. When I..... (arrive) home he..... (still sleep).
5. What you(do) when I..... (call) you at nine?
6. He really..... (like) his job because he..... (meet) a lot of people.
6. He..... (fall) and(hurt) himself while he..... (run) in the garden.

B. Past (simple or progressive)

Yesterday, I..... (go) to an important meeting when my car (break) down. I..... (wear) my best
suit but I..... (look) in the engine, then under it, too see what the problem was. I..... (have)
a flat battery.

When I..... (get) up again, I..... (be) covered in oil and dirt.

I..... (continue) my journey. Then I.....(run) out of petrol. Two minutes later I.....
(hear) a strange noise. Now I..... (have) a flat tyre.

What next! It was late and I knew my boss (wait) for me. At that moment I.....
(see) my boss. He.....(walk) down the street.

“ Good Heavens! What a mess you are!” he said. “ And don’t forget the meeting tomorrow”

C. Used to or past progressive?

1. He (pay) me every week.
2. I fell just as I (get) off the bus.
3. What you (do) when the burglars broke in ?
4. Sarah (spend) hours in front of the mirror when she was young.
5. You..... (never smoke) so much, did you ?