

Concept Questions

<p>Past Simple <i>I left England in 1978</i> Concept: An event in the past which is finished and there is a clear time reference.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are we talking about the past? Yes. 2. Is this a finished event? Yes. 3. Do we know when it was? Yes, 1978. 	<p>Past Progressive <i>It was a dark and stormy night; the wind was blowing and the trees were creaking.</i> Concept: Two past events happening over a period of past time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are we talking about the past? Yes. 2. Were different things happening in the storm? Yes. 3. Was this at the same time? Yes. 4. Are we describing a scene? Yes.
<p>Past Simple and Past Progressive <i>We were having a BBQ when it started to rain.</i> Concept: an activity in progress interrupted by a single complete action in the past.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did we start having a BBQ before the rain came? Yes. 2. Was the BBQ in progress when the rain started? Yes. 3. Did we stop the BBQ? Yes or probably...unless you are a Brit!!! 4. Why? S.O.S save our sausages....to go inside etc. 	<p>Past Progressive <i>I was marking homework at 8pm yesterday.</i> Concept: talking about an action that was in progress at a point of past time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did I start marking homework before 8pm? Yes. 2. Was I still marking homework after 8 pm? Yes. 3. So was this action in progress at 8pm? Yes. You were in middle of marking.
<p>Past Perfect <i>Elizabeth 1 had been Queen long before Elizabeth 11 came to the throne.</i> Concept: to show the sequence of events – both in the past.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are we talking about the past? Yes. 2. How many events were there in the past? Two. 3. Did both Queens get their crowns at the same time? No. 4. So was Elizabeth 1 Queen much earlier than Elizabeth 11? Yes. 5. Who was crowned first? Elizabeth 1! 	<p>Past Perfect Progressive <i>I had been reading a thriller when the plane dropped like a stone.(time given on time line 9am to 11am for reading)</i> Concept: talking about the duration of an activity up to a point of past time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did you start reading? At 9 am. 2. What time did you stop reading? 11am 3. How long were you reading for? 2 hours. 4. Did you stop reading at 11am when the plane dropped? Yes.
<p>Future in the Past <i>I was going to clean my windows on Tuesday.</i> Concept: An action planned in the past with the intention of doing it at a later date (in the past!)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are we talking about the past? Yes. 2. When did you plan to clean the windows? On Monday. 3. When did you intend to clean them? On Tuesday. 4. Did you actually clean them? No! 5. Possibly ask here why not and elicit some reasons. 	