

Past, Action with Action or Time Phrase

Now

Time



Two actions in the past

Focus Time

Past continuous



one action happens while other continues

Simple past



Focus Time

Past continuous



one action interrupts, stops another

Simple past



Focus Time Period

Past continuous



two actions go on at the same time

Past continuous



Actions with mentioned time period in the past

Mentioned Time Period

Past continuous



action goes on during the mentioned time

Past continuous



action goes on at intervals during the mentioned time

Simple Past



(short) action happens somewhere during the mentioned time

Simple Past



action happens more than once somewhere during the mentioned time