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Simple Past
Used to talk about something
that started in the past and
finished in the past.
Used to describe a sequence of
events in past.
events in past. We use time expressions to talk
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Past Time Expressions	
Last week	One week ago
Last	Two months
weekend	ago
Last month	Three years ago
Last year	Yesterday

Structure	
Affirm- ative	Subject + Verb + 'ed' + complement
Negative	Subject + Aux didn't + verb + complement
Question	Aux did + Subject + verb + complement

Past Continuos

To speak about an activity that happened at a specific time.
To indicate that an action in the past was interrupted. you use also past simple in the same sentence.

structure	
Affirm-	Subject + To Be
ative	(was/were) +
	verb+ing +
	complement
Negative	Subject + To Be
	(wasn't/weren't) +
	verb+ing +
	complement
Question	To be (was/were) +
	subject + verb+ing +
	complement?

Past Continuos and Past Simple

When he was crossing the street, the lights turned red.

structure		
Affirm- ative	Pron + had + participle verb + complement	
Negative	Pron + had not + participle verb + complement	
Question	had + pron + participle verb + complement ?	
Use of Adverb		
Just	finished	

Tried

Eaten

gone

To talk actions completed before other events in the past. It is just used when talking about two actions.



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