PAST SIMPLE

Употребление

Действие произошло (началось и закончилось) в прошлом; нет связи с настоящим.

Сигналы

Yesterday

last week

last year

in 1984

in 2007

an hour ago

a year ago

a long time ago

Во всех лицах и числах I playED (прав. глагол) I WROTE (неправ. глагол - 2nd form)

Bo всех лицах и числах DID you play? (1st form!) did she write?

we did not (didn't) play

PAST CONTINUOUS

Употребление

- 1. Действие (past continuous) длилось в прошлом, когда другое действие (simple past) произошло.
- Действие длилось в определённый момент времени в прошлом.

Сигналы

when
while
at five o'clock yesterday
at that moment
at that time
last year

I WAS playING he/she/it WAS playING

Во всех остальных лицах и числах we WERE playING

were you/was he playing?

he was not (wasn't) playing you were not (weren't) playing

PAST PERFECT

Употребление

Действие (past perfect)
произошло и
завершилось раньше
другого действия в
прошлом (simple past)
или раньше
определённого
момента в прошлом.

Сигналы

by the time

Before

After

when (in the meanings "by the time; after")

by two o'clock yesterday

by that time

already

Bo всех лицах и числах I HAD (I'd) playED/WRITTEN

had you played?

he had not (hadn't) played

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Употребление

- 1. Действие (past perfect continuous) продолжалось какое-то время прежде того, как произошло другое действие в прошлом (simple past).
- Действие продолжалось в течение какого-то времени раньше определённого момента в прошлом.

Сигналы

by the time

Before

After

when (in the meaning "by the time")

for two hours for a long time.

Bo всех лицах и числах she HAD (she'd) BEEN playING

had they been playing?

you had not (hadn't) been playing