

Remedial Grammar

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**Grammar
is the knowledge
of
right and wrong**



Textbook:

Understanding and Using English Grammar

(Third or Fourth Edition)

Betty Azar

Longman

Online resource:

www.grammar-monster.com

<https://www.grammarly.com>



Simple Present

Expresses:

general truths

general statements of fact

Examples:

The world **is** round.

The earth **revolves** around the sun.

something **was** true in the past,
is true in the present,
and **will be** true in the future

Expresses:

everyday or habitual activities

Examples:

I **drink** coffee every morning.

She always **completes** her work on time.



Simple Present

Verb Formation

plural subject

use basic verb form

I, you, we	}	go
they, all		read
Ali and Tom		drive
birds		fly

singular subject

add to verb **+s**, **+es**, or **+ies**

he, she	}	reads
It		goes
a bird		flies



Present Progressive / Continuous

Expresses:

a temporary activity that is going on at the moment of speaking

It began in the past,
Is continuing at present,
and will end in the future

Examples:

I **am explaining** present progressive tense right now.

It's morning time, and they **are eating** their breakfast.

The weather is bad, it **is snowing** heavily.



Present Progressive

Verb Formation plural subject

I

am

cook + ing

you, we
they, all
Ali and Tom
birds

are

talk + ing
read +ing
drive + ing
fly + ing

singular subject

Tom
he, she
it
a bird

is

read+ing
go+ing
rain+ing
fly+ing



Non-Progressive Verbs (non-action, stative)

Describe:

states, conditions, or situations,

NOT actions

Rarely used in progressive tenses

I *know* your dad.

I ~~*am knowing*~~ your dad.

John *loves* Clara.

John ~~*is loving*~~ Clara.

Sue *looks* confused.

Sue ~~*is looking*~~ confused.

[*understand, doubt, hate, prefer, like, fear, need, want, seem, mean, etc.*]

Common Verbs (Progressive and Non-Progressive)

This perfume *smells* good.

Tim *is smelling* the perfume.

Sue *looks* confused.

Sue *is looking* in the mirror.

For a list, see Azar, 2-3, pp. 16-17.



PAST TENSES





Simple Past

Expresses:

an action began and ended in the past



Examples:

She **met** her mother **last week**.

Laila **lived** in Turkiye for five years, but now she lives in Egypt.

I **ainted** my house a month **ago**.

Two Simple Past Verbs in a sentence

Example:

I **opened** my umbrella **when it began** to rain.

When it began to rain, I **opened** my umbrella.

The action in the 'when-clause' happens first.





Simple Past

Simple Past Verb Forms

Regular Verbs: simple past ends in **-ed**,

talk talked
start started

Irregular Verbs: simple past does **NOT** end in **-ed**

1. Simple form and the past form are the same.
2. The past form is very different.
3. Both regular and irregular forms are used

1. cost cost
2. go went
3. burned burnt

Reference: For detailed lists, see Azar (pages 20-21, 2-4 and 2-5)



Past Progressive / Continuous

Expresses:

a temporary activity that began and **continued** for some time or **was incomplete** in the **past**

It began in the past,
continued for some time
in the past,

Examples:

I **was sleeping** at nine o'clock last night.

I **was sleeping** when the phone rang.

Rosie **was watching** TV while I **was reading** a magazine.

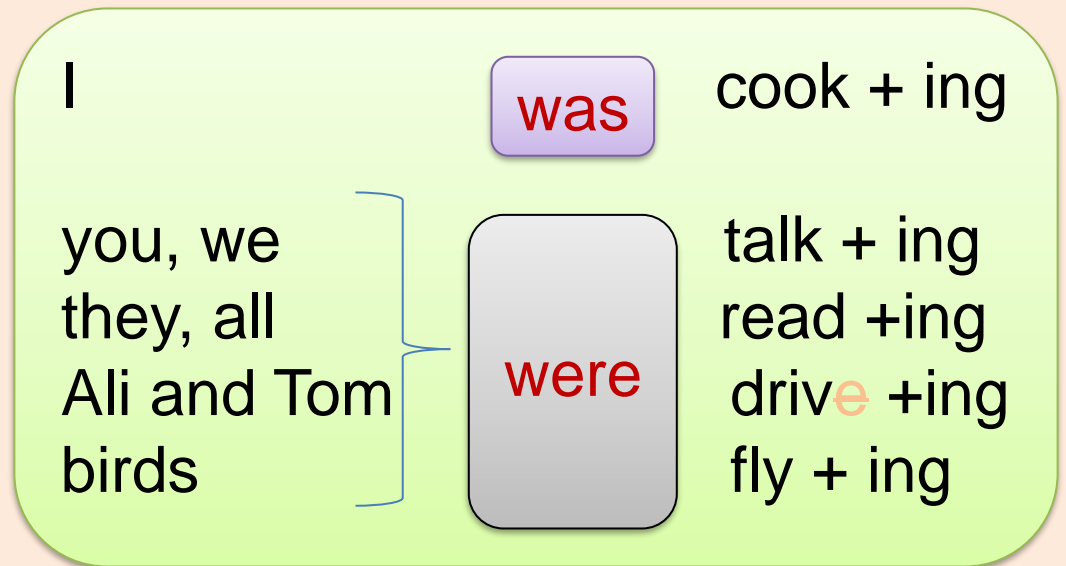
While I **was cutting** the grass, it began to rain.



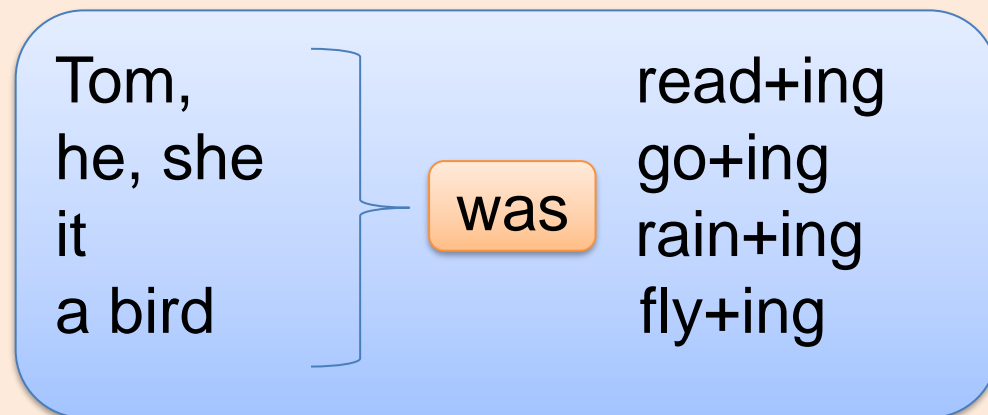


Past Progressive

Verb Formation plural subject



singular subject





Thank you.

See you tomorrow.