Past simple and past continuous

Past simple

Specific points in the past

- I went to paris in 2004.
- I bought an ipad last week.

One after the other

- We had lunch in town, then we went to the beach.

-With 'when' in questions

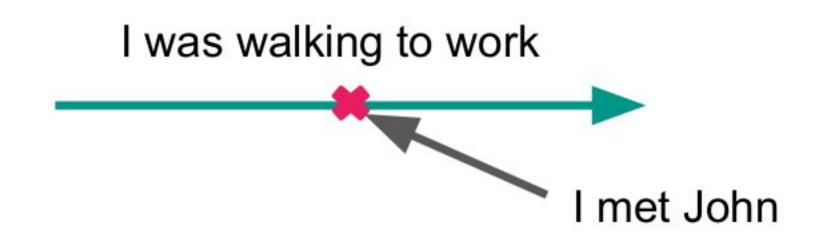
- When did you go to Paris? - I went...

Past continuous

Background

The sun was shining and the birds were singing.

Already happening



Joined using 'while', 'when' or 'as'

While I was walking to work, I met John. I met John as I was walking to work.

I was walking to work when I met John.

Past simple







