

PAST SIMPLE

Fill in the gaps with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.



Vincent van Gogh _____ (**be**) a Dutch painter who _____ (**become**) one of the most famous figures in art history. He _____ (**create**) about 2,100 artworks.

Van Gogh _____ (**draw**) as a child, and as a young man he _____ (**work**) as an art dealer.

He _____ (**take up**) painting in 1881 when he _____ (**move**) back home with his parents.

His brother Theo _____ (**support**) him financially, and they _____ (**keep**)

a long correspondence by letter. In 1886, he _____ (**go**) to Paris, where he

_____ (**meet**) members of the avant-garde. As his work _____ (**develop**)

he _____ (**create**) a new approach in art. His paintings _____ (**grow**)

brighter as he _____ (**establish**) a new style during his stay in Arles in the south of

France in 1888. He _____ (**suffer**) from delusions and, though he _____

(**worry**) about his mental stability, he often _____ (**neglect**) his physical health.

After his friendship with a French artist Gauguin _____ (**end**) in a rage,

he _____ (**cut**) part of his own left ear. He also _____ (**spend**) time in

psychiatric hospitals, On 27 July 1890, Van Gogh _____ (**shoot**) himself in the chest

with a revolver. He _____ (**die**) from his injuries two days later.

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 While I _____ (**wait**) for the bus, it _____ (**start**) snowing.

2 I _____ (**walk**) along the street when I _____ (**meet**) an old friend.

3 They _____ (**go**) upstairs when the earthquake _____ (**strike**).

4 Liam _____ (**read**) a book when the phone _____ (**ring**).

5 Liam's parents _____ (**drive**) when the police _____ (**stop**) them.

6 While I _____ (**stay**) in London, I _____ (**see**) a play written by William Shakespeare.

7 Just as I _____ (**close**) my front door, a cat _____ (**run**) inside.

8 When Liam _____ (**arrive**) home, his mother _____ (**cook**) dinner.

9 Alice _____ (**watch**) TV when her friend Sarah _____ (**call**).

10 It _____ (**snow**) when I _____ (**leave**) the house.

QUESTIONS

Make questions.

1 When _____?

They arrived at seven o'clock.

2 Where _____?

They are working in a shop.

3 Why _____?

He is crying because he hurt his knee.

4 What _____?

I want a new camera for my birthday.

5 Which _____?

The Nile is the longest river in the world.

6 Who _____?

Liam gave me that book.

7 How _____?

I go to school by bus.

8 How long _____?

They were waiting for an hour.

9 How often _____?

I take my dog for a walk twice a day.

10 How much _____?

It costs 4 pounds.

11 many _____?

There are 25 students in my class