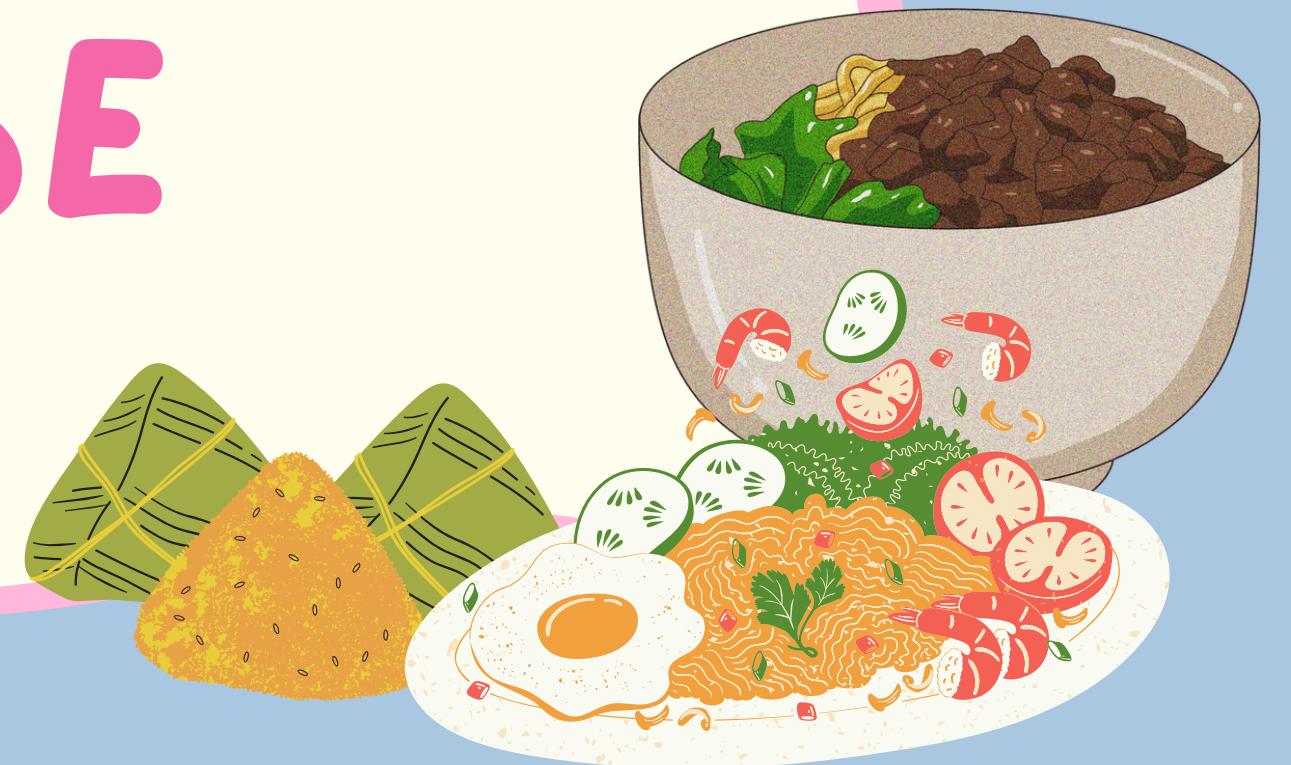


Unit 2: Food, food, food!

THE SIMPLE PAST & CONTINUOUS PAST TENSE



THE PAST SIMPLE is used to

- talk about completed actions on the past
- Mother bought two loaves of bread from the bakery this morning.
- Luther opened his new restaurant last month.



STRUCTURE

VERB TO BE

sub + was/were

sub + wasn't/weren't

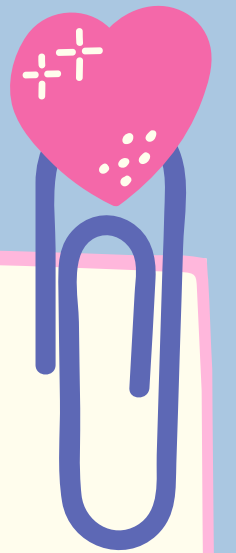
was/were + sub...?

VERBS

sub + verb in simple past

sub + did not + verb in base form

did + sub + verb in base form?



THE PAST CONTINUOUS is used to

- talk about actions in progress at a time in the past
- Rubina was cooking in the kitchen all day yesterday.
- refer to parallel actions which happened in the past
- Carmen was doing the dishes while I was wiping the dining table.



STRUCTURE

sub + was/were + verb-ing

sub + was/were + not + verb-ing

was/were + sub + verb-ing?



PAST CONTINUOUS + SIMPLE PAST

to show that an action was interrupted by another action in the past.

- Jaja was cooking when the phone rang.
[the action of cooking was the action in progress whilst the phone ringing was the action which interrupted the ongoing action.]



USED TO + GET USED TO

USED TO/ DIDN'T USE TO

to talk about habitual actions that happened in the past but no longer happen in the present (or vice-versa)

- I used to like onde-onde but I find them too sweet now.
- Did you use to drink a glass of milk for breakfast?
- Daud didn't use like jogging. (He does not)



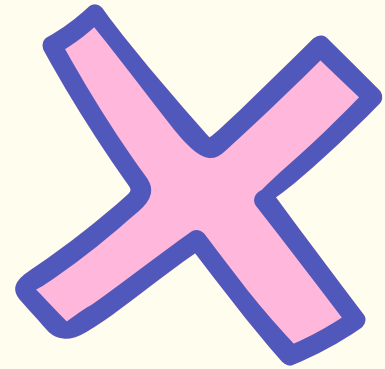
GET USED TO

to describe getting accustomed to something or doing something

- Will is getting used to living abroad.
- Has Ganesh gotten used to cooking for himself?



COMMON ERRORS



- Johan runned to the market.
- I was signed up for a cookery course.
- Did Mei Wei used to grow tomatoes in her garden?



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