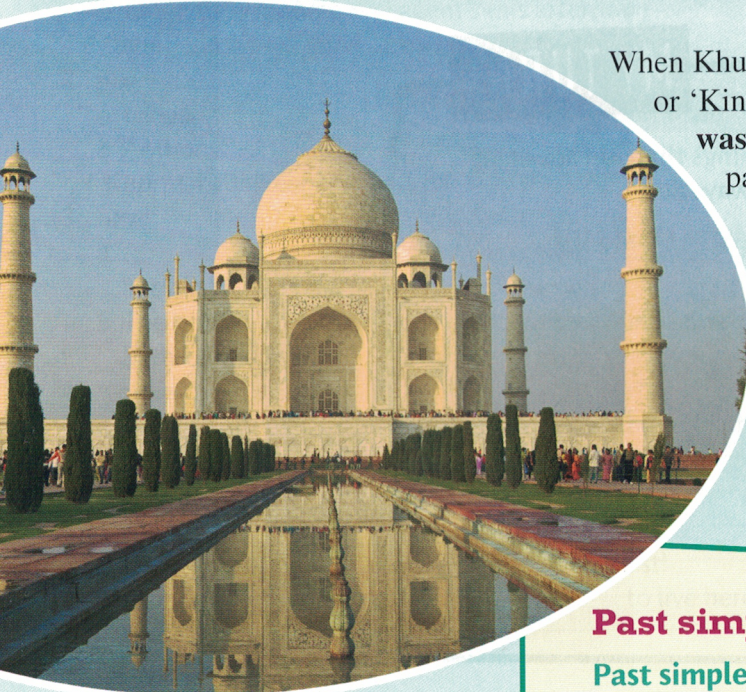


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Past simple and past continuous; used to and would

Musicians sang and threw flowers.

Arjumand Banu Begam **was working** in her shop when Prince Khurram **saw** her for the first time as he **was walking** through the market. He immediately **decided** this was the woman he **wanted** to marry. Indian princes, however, **didn't use to marry** for love but for political reasons, so marriage between Khurram and Arjumand **was** impossible. It **was** six years before the prince **could** marry the woman he **loved**, but when it finally **happened** the wedding **was magnificent**. A long **procession** **travelled** to Arjumand's house, and musicians **sang** and **threw** flowers to the hundreds of people who **were watching**. At the wedding, the prince's father **gave** Arjumand the name of Mumtaz, or 'Chosen One', as a present.



When Khurram's father **died**, he **became** Emperor Shah Jahan, or 'King of the World'. He **had** many responsibilities and **was frequently leading** his army off to fight in different parts of the empire. Mumtaz **would always travel** with him and sometimes she even **used to go** with him into battle. Sadly, while her husband **was fighting** one of these battles, Mumtaz **fell** ill. As she **was dying**, Shah Jahan **promised** to build a beautiful **monument** in her memory. After Mumtaz **died**, Shah Jahan quickly **began** to turn his promise into reality, and twenty years later the Taj Mahal, perhaps the greatest symbol of love the world has ever seen, **was** finally completed.

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Past simple

- 1 We usually use the past simple to refer to events or states in the past, or to repeated past actions.

*He **had** many responsibilities.*

*I **went** to the cinema three times last week.*

Past continuous

- 2 We use the past continuous to refer to events which were unfinished or in progress at or around a definite time in the past.

*At 7 o'clock this morning I **was having** a shower.*

- 3 We often use the past continuous to refer to background activities or situations in a story.

*He looked through the window. Rain **was falling** steadily on the city's streets.*



- 1 Why was it difficult for Prince Khurram to marry Arjumand at first?
- 2 What did Shah Jahan decide to do in memory of his wife?

Answers: 1 Because she wasn't an important person. 2 Build a beautiful monument.

