

# WRITING

## Past Simple

### Exercise 2

Answer the questions in complete sentences. Use **was** or **were**.

1. When you were a child, what were your favourite TV shows?

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2. How was the weather yesterday?

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3. Where were you at 6:00 p.m. yesterday?

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4. Where were you five years ago?

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5. What colour was your first (bicycle/ pet)?

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6. How many students were there in your primary school?

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### Exercise 3

Write ten true statements using the simple past. Use the verbs from the box. Include both affirmative and negative statements. Include time expressions such as **yesterday**, **last week/ month/ year**, or **in 2018**.

clean	fix	play	snow	study	wait
cook	listen	rain	stay	talk	walk

**Examples:**

I listened to music and studied last night.

It did not rain last week.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Exercise 4

Write each answer as a complete sentence. Use the regular form of past simple.

1. Where were you last summer?

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2. How did you feel yesterday?

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3. Where did you go last weekend?

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4. When did you last see a funny movie?

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5. What did you buy last week?

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6. Who did you speak with yesterday?

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7. When did you leave for school this morning?

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8. When did you do your homework?

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9. Where did you eat lunch yesterday?

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10. When did you last send an email?

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### Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses. Write the negative form where indicated.

#### Bob's Horrible Day

Bob (1. *have*) \_\_\_\_\_ a horrible day on Monday. First, he (2. *be*) \_\_\_\_\_ supposed to get up at 6 a.m., but his alarm clock (3. *work, negative*) \_\_\_\_\_. He (4. *get up*) \_\_\_\_\_ at 8 a.m. There (5. *be, negative*) \_\_\_\_\_ any hot water for a shower, so he had to use cold water. After that, his car (6. *start, negative*) \_\_\_\_\_, and he had to take the bus. When Bob (7. *get*) \_\_\_\_\_ to work, his boss (8. *yell*) \_\_\_\_\_ at him for being late. Next, his computer (9. *crash*) \_\_\_\_\_, and he (10. *lose*) \_\_\_\_\_ all of his documents. He (11. *stay*) \_\_\_\_\_ at work until midnight too redo the documents. Bob (12. *decide*) \_\_\_\_\_ to stay home the next day because he (13. *be*) \_\_\_\_\_ too tired from all his bad luck.

### Compound Sentences (2): Further Practice

#### Exercise 6

Combine each pair of simple sentences into a compound sentence. Use the coordinator in parentheses.

1. In April last year, my son was six years old. My daughter was four.

(and) \_\_\_\_\_

2. One day, my children were at home. My friend's little boy was there, too.

(and) \_\_\_\_\_

3. The children were in the kitchen. I was not with them.

(but) \_\_\_\_\_

4. My friend's son picked up the phone. He called 911.

(and) \_\_\_\_\_



5. He did not talk to the operator. She saw our address on her computer screen.

(but) \_\_\_\_\_

6. She believed that we had an emergency. She sent the police to our house.

(so) \_\_\_\_\_

7. There was no emergency. The police officers were angry about the call.

(so) \_\_\_\_\_

8. I was upset with the children. I had a serious talk with them.

(so) \_\_\_\_\_

9. It was just a child's mistake. I had to pay a \$50 fine.

(but) \_\_\_\_\_

10. I learned a lesson. The children did, too.

(and) \_\_\_\_\_

## Using Commas

### Exercise 7

Write answers to the questions. Use the words in parentheses. You will need one or more commas in each sentence.

What are three things you do not own? (or)

I do not own a motorcycle, a horse, or a boat.

1. What are three foods you like? (and)

2. What are three subjects you are interested in studying? (and)

3. What are three subjects you are not interested in? (or)

4. What are three things you do in the morning? (*In the morning*)

5. What are two things you often do on weekends? (*On weekends*)