

# 8

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## How long ago?

### Past Simple 2

#### 1 Regular and irregular verbs

Read about Louis Braille. Put the verbs into the Past Simple.

#### 2 Making negatives

**T 8.1** Correct the sentences about Louis Braille.

1 Louis Braille was American.

He wasn't American. He was French.

2 He wanted to be an artist.

\_\_\_\_\_

3 His father was a teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_

4 He went blind when he was six.

\_\_\_\_\_

5 He learned to play the piano.

\_\_\_\_\_

6 He won a scholarship to the Institute of Music.

\_\_\_\_\_

7 He invented 'night writing'.

\_\_\_\_\_

8 He died when he was fifty-three.

\_\_\_\_\_

### LOUIS BRAILLE (1809–1852)

Louis Braille (1) was (be) the son of a French leather worker. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) blind at the age of three when he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in his father's workroom. But Louis was very clever.

He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be a musician, so he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to play the cello, and at the age of ten he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a



scholarship to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (can) play the cello, but he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (can not) read or write.

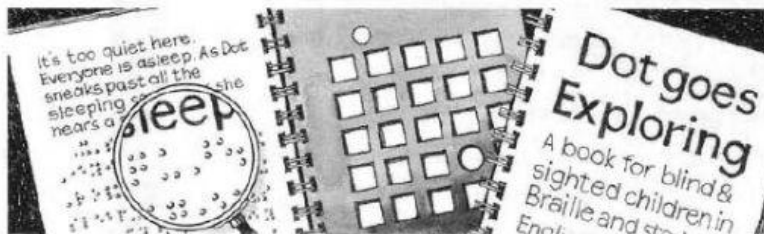
In 1819 a French soldier, Charles Barbier, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) 'night writing'. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) special dots on paper so that soldiers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (can) read at night. Louis Braille (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (understand)

the importance of this invention for blind people and when he was



fifteen, he (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to develop it. In 1829 he (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to use it at the Institute.

By 1932 'Braille' was in use all over the world, but Louis (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in 1852 and he never (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (know) of the importance of his invention.



### 3 Negative short forms

**T 8.2** Write the short forms of the negative verbs.

- 1 She did not see me.  
She didn't see me.
- 2 I did not go to school on Monday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Our teacher did not come to school today.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Anna was not in Paris last month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They were not at home.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Paul could not read until he was eight.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Positives and negatives

**T 8.3** Make the positive verbs negative. Make the negative verbs positive.

- 1 She drove to work.  
She didn't drive to work.
- 2 I didn't know the answer.  
I knew the answer.
- 3 My aunt gave me a birthday present.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It didn't rain a lot during our holiday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I didn't drink the coffee, but I ate the sandwich.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 She didn't bring a bottle of wine.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 She wasn't tired, so she didn't go to bed.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 He forgot his passport and he lost his plane ticket.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 It didn't cost a lot of money.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 I didn't have a lot of time, so I didn't do the shopping.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 5 Past time expressions

- 1 Number the times in chronological order, 1–6.  
(1 is nearest in time.)

- ☐ this morning
- ☐ last winter
- ☐ in 1980
- ☐ the day before yesterday
- ☐ yesterday evening
- ☐ ten years ago

- 2 Write sentences about you. Use each expression in 1 once.

- 1 I got up at eight o'clock this morning.
- 2 I didn't have a shower yesterday evening.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_

### 6 ago

Rewrite the sentences using *ago*.

- 1 I saw him last June.  
I saw him three months ago.
- 2 I had breakfast at eight o'clock.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 They got married in 1980.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 We saw John the day before yesterday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We met in 1965.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 My daughter started school last September.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Princess Diana died in 1997.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Alice came back from America last month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Their son was born at two o'clock this morning.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 7 I married an American soldier

- 1 Read about Gloria Spitz, who is English. Complete the text using the words in the box.

like in the films  
so different from  
time we danced  
our lives changed  
didn't talk  
I couldn't look at him  
was very worried  
gave us chocolates  
away in the war  
came back for me

### 2 T 8.4 Answer the questions.

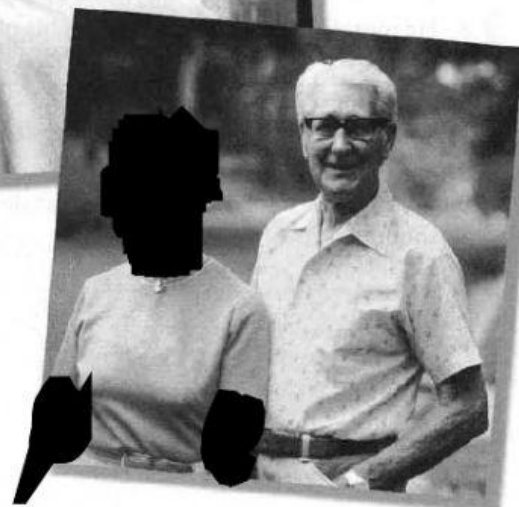
- 1 Where did Gloria live when she was a girl?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Why did village life change in January, 1942?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How were the G.I.s and the English boys different?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where did Gloria meet Hank?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 When did she fall in love with him?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Why was her mother worried?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 What happened to Gloria at the end of the war?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 'I Married a G.I.'

'Well, I was sixteen. It was 1942 and my mother and I lived in a small village in the country. My father wasn't there. He was (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Suddenly, on 26th January, (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Hundreds of American soldiers, G.I.s, came to our village. Ooh! We girls in the village loved them! They were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ English boys. They talked to us. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about cars and football. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and cigarettes. Every day was like Christmas Day!

'And the way they danced! Oh, they danced (6) \_\_\_\_\_. I met Hank at the Saturday dance. I think I fell in love the first (7) \_\_\_\_\_! I was so shy that (8) \_\_\_\_\_, but he took me to the dance every Saturday after that. He told me he loved shy English girls. My mother (9) \_\_\_\_\_, because she didn't know any American people then.

'In 1943 Hank went to France, but we wrote to each other. We wrote for two years and at the end of the war he (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He took me to the States, to his home in Arizona. Well, now we have four children and twelve grandchildren!'



# Vocabulary

## 8 Words that are nouns and verbs

Many words in English are both nouns and verbs. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in the box.

dance cook love walk drink watch paint post visit

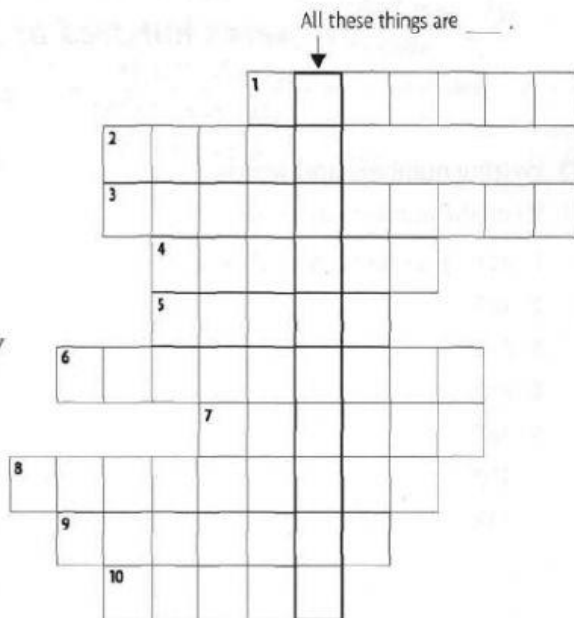
- She went to the dance on Saturday night and she met Hank.  
The music was wonderful. I danced all night long.
- Can I have a \_\_\_\_\_? I'm really thirsty.  
John never \_\_\_\_\_ coffee. He doesn't like it.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a meal for ten people yesterday evening.  
'What's your job?' 'I'm a \_\_\_\_\_. I work in a big hotel.'
- I \_\_\_\_\_ all the walls in my room blue last weekend.  
What's that in your hair? Is it blue \_\_\_\_\_?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the football on television last night.  
'What's the time?' 'Sorry. I don't have a \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 'How did you get to work yesterday?' 'I \_\_\_\_\_.'  
We went for a \_\_\_\_\_ by the lake. It was lovely.
- Please give my \_\_\_\_\_ to your wife and children.  
Anna \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate ice-cream.
- We really enjoyed our \_\_\_\_\_ to Oxford last weekend.  
When I was in New York last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ lots of interesting places.
- I can see the postman. Is there any \_\_\_\_\_ for me?  
Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ my letter for me!



## 9 A crossword puzzle

Write the answers and find the word.

- When I was a child, I always rode to school on this.
- I don't like reading when I travel by car, but I always read when I travel by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Did you watch the interesting programme on \_\_\_\_\_ last night?
- I forgot my \_\_\_\_\_, so I couldn't take any photographs.
- A pilot flies this.
- Most offices, banks, hotels, and schools have them now, but they didn't twenty-five years ago.
- 100 years ago people didn't have one of these in their kitchen for milk and butter, so things were difficult in summer.
- Alexander Graham Bell invented this.
- Most people now have automatic \_\_\_\_\_ machines for cleaning their clothes.
- Levi Strauss invented these for workmen.





# Numbers

## 10 100–1,000

**T 8.5** Study the numbers.

|     |                             |       |                                |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 130 | one hundred and thirty      | 508   | five hundred and eight         |
| 285 | two hundred and eighty-five | 678   | six hundred and seventy-eight  |
| 300 | three hundred               | 793   | seven hundred and ninety-three |
| 415 | four hundred and fifteen    | 1,000 | one thousand                   |

## 11 Matching numbers and words

Match the numbers and the words.

945
three hundred and ten
five hundred and ninety
800

four hundred and seventy-one
999
115
six hundred and three

eight hundred
four hundred and twenty-five
144
508

eight hundred and sixty-two
238
734

nine hundred and forty-five
six hundred and sixteen
590

one hundred and fifteen
616
603
310

nine hundred and ninety-nine
one hundred and forty-four

five hundred and eight
425
two hundred and thirty-eight

seven hundred and thirty-four
862
471

## 12 Writing numbers and words

1 Write the numbers in words.

- 1 411 four hundred and eleven
- 2 145 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 610 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 890 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 387 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 150 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 532 \_\_\_\_\_

2 **T 8.6** Answer the questions. Write the numbers in full.

- 1 How many days are there in a year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How many minutes are there in two hours?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How many pages are there in this book?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How many students are there in your school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How many weeks are there in four years?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 How many pence are there in £4.73?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Writing

### 13 Linking words – *because, when, until*

Make sentences with a line in **A**, a word in **B**, and a line in **C**.

| A                                   | B                                | C                           |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 I left the party early            | because<br><br>when<br><br>until | a she was thirty.           |
| 2 Peter couldn't speak              |                                  | b they came for dinner.     |
| 3 Tim didn't see the Colosseum      |                                  | c I was at school.          |
| 4 Eva didn't start learning English |                                  | d she couldn't afford them. |
| 5 I didn't enjoy maths lessons      |                                  | e after midnight.           |
| 6 Sally didn't buy the red shoes    |                                  | f he was nearly four.       |
| 7 They didn't go to bed             |                                  | g I didn't feel well.       |
| 8 We met Ken's wife last Saturday   |                                  | h he was in Rome.           |

## 14 Old friends

1 Complete the text with words from the box.

and but so because  
when until



2 Write about 100 words about an old friend.

- What is his/her name?
- When did you meet?
- Where did you meet?
- What did you do together?
- How often do you meet now?
- What do you do when you meet?

## MY OLDEST FRIEND

MY OLDEST FRIEND  
My oldest friend is called Sandy. We met thirty years ago  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ we were both five years old. It was my first day at  
school (2) \_\_\_\_\_ I was very unhappy (3) \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted my  
mother. Sandy gave me a sweet (4) \_\_\_\_\_ we became friends  
immediately. We were together nearly every day (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
we left school twelve years later.

Then I went to university, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Sandy didn't. She married (7) \_\_\_\_\_ she was just eighteen (8) \_\_\_\_\_ had three children. I studied for eight years (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted to be an accountant. I had a lot of new friends, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't see Sandy very often. Sometimes we didn't meet for months, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ we often talked on the telephone. Now I'm married, too. I live \_\_\_\_\_

Now I'm married, too. I live near Sandy (12) \_\_\_\_\_ we  
meet every week. She's a student now, (13) \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a baby, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ we can give each other  
a lot of advice!