

# Grammar

## Past Simple (1) Regular verbs

1 Read about the footballer **Lionel Messi**. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.



Lionel Messi was born on 24 June 1987. As a child, he <sup>1</sup> lived in Rosario, Argentina. Messi always <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ playing football with his brothers and their friends. He was a brilliant player, and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ playing for Rosario's youth club in 1995.

start  
live  
love

Messi <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very small for an 8-year-old boy – too small. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ medicine to help him grow, but it was very expensive. Messi's father, Jorge, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a factory, and couldn't pay for it all himself.

look  
work  
need

In 2000, the Spanish club FC Barcelona saw Messi play and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him to join their youth team. The club <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for his medicine, and Messi and all his family <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain.

move  
ask  
offer

Messi was homesick and <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Argentina, but when he joined the Barcelona first team, aged 17, and <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of goals, he was happy. In 2009 he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his first FIFA award *The Best FIFA Men's Player Award*. He is often called the best player in history.

score  
receive  
miss

2 Look at the answers about **Lionel Messi**. Complete the questions.

- 1 'Where did Messi live?'  
'In Rosario, Argentina.'
- 2 'What \_\_\_\_\_ doing?' 'Playing football with his brothers and their friends.'
- 3 'When \_\_\_\_\_ playing for Rosario's youth club?'  
'In 1995.'
- 4 'Where \_\_\_\_\_ his father \_\_\_\_\_?'  
'In a factory.'
- 5 'Why \_\_\_\_\_ expensive medicine?'  
'To help him grow.'
- 6 'When \_\_\_\_\_ his first award for best men's player?'  
'In 2009.'

6.1 Listen and check.

## Negatives

3 Complete the sentences about Messi with a verb from the box.

live stay work look play

- 1 Messi didn't live in Buenos Aires.
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ football with his sisters.
- 3 He \_\_\_\_\_ very tall.
- 4 His father \_\_\_\_\_ in a bank.
- 5 All Messi's family moved to Spain. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Argentina.

5 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box.

die   earn   move   talk   ~~live~~   start   want   watch

- 1 We lived in a small house when I was a child. /d/
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ a really good programme on TV last night. /t/
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ out of London because it was too busy. /d/
- 4 We all \_\_\_\_\_ a large pizza because we were so hungry. /ɪd/
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ a new job last Monday. I love it! /ɪd/
- 6 He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money last year, so he has a big tax bill! /d/
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ a lot about her childhood in Australia. /t/
- 8 My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ in 2012. /d/

6.4 Listen, check and repeat.

10 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of an irregular verb.

- 1 I didn't go to New York, I went to Chicago.
- 2 We didn't meet Tom, we \_\_\_\_\_ Harry.
- 3 He didn't leave last week, he \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- 4 We didn't see a film, we \_\_\_\_\_ a play.
- 5 I didn't buy a TV, I \_\_\_\_\_ a laptop.
- 6 He didn't send a letter, he \_\_\_\_\_ an email.
- 7 She didn't make spaghetti, she \_\_\_\_\_ pizza.
- 8 We didn't have white wine, we \_\_\_\_\_ red.

11 Read the text. Put the irregular form of the verb in brackets into the Past Simple.

## One of the best wedding proposals!

On 23 May, a few years ago, **Isaac Lamb**, a young man from Oregon, US, <sup>1</sup> **made** (make) an amazing video of his wedding proposal to his girlfriend.

It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) viral on the Internet and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) one of YouTube's most popular videos, with over 26 million views!



Lamb, an actor and director, asked more than sixty friends and family to help him make the video. They all <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) **Bruno Mars'**, *Marry you*, together as Isaac asked his girlfriend, Amy Frankel, to marry him. Bruno Mars <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the video and said it was perfect for his song.

It was Isaac's grandmother who <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him to marry Amy, after she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her for the first time, but it <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) Isaac three years to propose.

They finally <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married two years later. It was a big wedding because they <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lots of friends and family to invite, including all the people in the video. They <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (send) an invitation to Bruno Mars, but he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (can not) come because he was too busy.

6.5 Listen and check.