

First aid



Vocabulary 1 36 Listen to six conversations about injuries on site and match 1–6 to a–f to complete the sentences.

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| 1 He sprained | a) his arm. |
| 2 He broke | b) his back. |
| 3 He burnt | c) her finger. |
| 4 He hurt | d) his hand. |
| 5 She cut | e) his ankle. |
| 6 The pallet crushed | f) his knee. |

Language

Past simple: *be*

We use the past simple of **be** to talk about the past. *I/He/She/It **was/wasn't** in the site manager's office yesterday. We/You/They **were/weren't** here this morning.*

Past simple

We use the **past simple** to talk about actions and situations that started and finished in the past.

To form the past simple of **regular verbs**, we add **-ed** to the verb.

*I **sprained** my ankle.
The pallet **crushed** his hand.*

Some verbs do not form the past simple with **-ed**. They are **irregular** (e.g. *go* → *went*, *buy* → *bought*, *meet* → *met*, etc.).

*He **fell** off the scaffolding. (*fall* → *fell*)
He **broke** his arm. (*break* → *broke*)*

2 Read this extract from an accident report and underline the verbs in the past simple. Which verbs are regular?

ACCIDENT REPORT

Name: Michel Kempinski **Date:** 7th November **Location:** Mill Street



Description of incident: I was in the site manager's office yesterday. There was a problem with some waste management paperwork. The site manager told me to check the skips in the yard. I counted the skips and found there were only six, not eight. Then I saw the accident. Harry tried to lift a skip with his crane. The load was too heavy and the crane tipped over. It crashed into the scaffolding that we erected yesterday. Four men were hurt. We called the emergency services. They sent two ambulances.