

## Past Simple

1 \* Complete the text with *was* or *were*.

I remember my old school very well. I remember Mr Smith. He <sup>1</sup> was very kind. Most of our teachers <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ old but he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ young.

It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an old school. The rooms <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ big and cold. The chairs <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ uncomfortable and the desks <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ small. Our room <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very dark. The photos on the walls <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ black and white and the windows <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ small. My new school is much nicer.

## 2 \* Complete the text with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

When I was young, I had a cat. I <sup>1</sup> called (call) her Pickles and I always <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to take her to school with me. I often <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) my parents but they always said 'No!'. Then, one day, we had a 'pet day' at school. I took Pickles on the bus. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) it! At school, we all <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (show) our pets to the class and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about them. One boy had a big dog. The dog got onto the teacher's desk and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) there. We all <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) but I think our teacher was scared!

## 3 \*\* Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs below.

buy do eat go have know leave send

Last year I ...

- went to school by bus every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ long hair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ my phone on the bus and lost it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lots of computer games from a shop in the town centre.
- \_\_\_\_\_ my homework every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ pizza every Friday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ emails to my friends every day.
- only \_\_\_\_\_ twenty German words.

4 \*\* Complete the sentences with the correct form of *was* or *were*.

- My parents weren't bad (not bad) students, they were good (good) students.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not bored) in the lesson, I \_\_\_\_\_ (tired).
- Our old French teacher (not strict) \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ (friendly).
- That book \_\_\_\_\_ (not interesting). It \_\_\_\_\_ (boring).
- The shops \_\_\_\_\_ (not open) when we got to the town centre. They \_\_\_\_\_ (closed).
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not serious) about my school work when I was young. I \_\_\_\_\_ (very relaxed)!
- I looked for my phone in my bag but it \_\_\_\_\_ (not there). It \_\_\_\_\_ (on) my desk.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ (not cold) yesterday, it \_\_\_\_\_ (hot).

## 5 \*\* Complete the sentences with the negative forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Last year, I didn't like (not like) English.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not use) my computer yesterday.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) swimming last Saturday.
- Last summer, my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a holiday.
- My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (not invite) me to her birthday party!
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to have tennis lessons but now I like them.
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) his homework yesterday.
- I went to a party but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) any of the people there.

**6 \*\*\* Complete the text with the words below.**

didn't (x 2) go had (x 2) have saw stayed  
was (x 2) wasn't went (x 2) were (x 2) weren't

Last month, we <sup>1</sup> went on a school trip to France. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a great time. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ speak much French. We <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lessons in the morning but we didn't <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any homework to do.

We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town about fifty kilometres from Paris. It <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a very quiet town. The cinema <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ open so we <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ watch any films. The shops <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very big - they <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ much smaller than the shops in our town. We didn't <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out in the evening at all but I liked the town. The people <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly and the food <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ great!

On the last day, we <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris and <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the Eiffel Tower. I love Paris!



**7 \*\*\* Make sentences from the cues.**

Last year, I went to Italy.

1 ✓ see / the Coliseum

I saw the Coliseum.

2 x / go inside

3 ✓ / eat / real Italian pizza

4 x / like it

5 ✓ / go to an art gallery

6 x / see / any paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci

7 x / write / to my friends

8 ✓ / send / them emails

### Grammar Alive Excuses

**8 \*\*\* Use the cues to make dialogues.**

1 A: You not / send me / email yesterday

B: I / have / lot / homework to do

A: You didn't send me an email yesterday.

B: I had a lot of homework to do.

2 A: You / use / my phone. You / not ask me

B: You / not be here. I / only talk / for one minute

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

3 A: You laugh / my hair

B: I / not want / laugh. Sorry

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

4 A: You / be / late for school yesterday

B: I / go / by bus. It / be / late

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

5 A: You / not say / hello to me yesterday

B: Sorry. I / not see / you

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sentence Builder Time linkers

### 5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I was at home when/then I saw the news on TV.
- 2 Before/After I went to sleep, I read for half an hour.
- 3 My dad left school when he was sixteen. He after/then joined the army.
- 4 Then/After I did my homework, I played some computer games.
- 5 I met my friends at the café and/after then we went shopping.

### 6 Complete the sentences with the time linkers below.

when then after before and

<sup>1</sup> Before we left the cinema, I went home. It rained all day and we didn't know what to do. First of all we went to an art gallery. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ visited a museum <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ then went shopping in the shopping centre. My dad is a teacher. He started teaching when he was thirty. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that, he worked in a restaurant. We were in an exam <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my phone rang. The teacher was very angry.

### 7 Put the story into the correct order.

- a I was at a concert when I met Tom. 1
- b We didn't talk because the music was very loud. After the concert, we walked to the bus stop. \_\_\_\_\_
- c We talked for a few minutes and then my bus came and we said goodbye. \_\_\_\_\_
- d It was on July 20, the first day of the school holidays. It was about nine o'clock when Tom sat next to me and asked me for the time. \_\_\_\_\_
- e Tom asked me for my phone number and I wrote it on a piece of paper. \_\_\_\_\_
- f I got my phone out and showed him the time on that. He started talking about the phone and then the band started. \_\_\_\_\_

### 8 Match the notes (1-7) with the questions (a-g).

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| 1 Where did they meet?                     | <u>c</u> |
| 2 When did they meet?                      | _____    |
| 3 Describe her appearance                  | _____    |
| 4 What happened first?                     | _____    |
| 5 Then what did Jack say?                  | _____    |
| 6 How did he feel?                         | _____    |
| 7 What happened at the end of the meeting? | _____    |
- a long blond hair, blue eyes, slim, tall, nice smile  
 b excited, happy  
 c at a party  
 d He smiled at her and sat next to her.  
 e They said goodbye, asked for her phone number, agreed to meet again.  
 f He asked her to dance.  
 g last Saturday

### 9 Use the ideas in Exercise 8 to write about a meeting between Jack and Emma.

Jack and Emma met ...