

Present Simple vs Past Simple



Quiz Time

In pairs, complete the sentences and answer the quiz. Compare your answers with the rest of the class.

- 1 He (star) in the Harry Potter films.
- 2 He (discover) penicillin.
- 3 Leonardo Da Vinci (paint) this famous painting.
- 4 They (design) the Parthenon.
- 5 He (write) *Romeo & Juliet*.
- 6 She (be) the daughter of King Henry VIII.
- 7 This country (win) the World Cup in 2006.
- 8 She (invent) the Barbie doll.

- a Queen Elizabeth I ~
- b Ruth Handler ~
- c Italy ~
- d Shakespeare ~
- e The *Mona Lisa* ~
- f Iktinos and Kallikrates ~
- g Alexander Fleming ~
- h Daniel Radcliffe ~

Present Simple vs Past Simple

We use the present simple for permanent states and repeated or habitual actions.

Tom is a student. He goes to school every day.
He usually goes to school by bus.

We use the past simple for actions which finished at a stated time in the past.

He bought a new car last week.

Time expressions used with the present simple:

every day / week / month / year, usually, often, always, rarely, never, sometimes, in the morning / evening / afternoon, at night, etc.

Time expressions used with the past simple:

yesterday, then, when, last night / week / month / year, a week / month / year ago, two days ago, in 2003, etc.

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Circle the correct item.

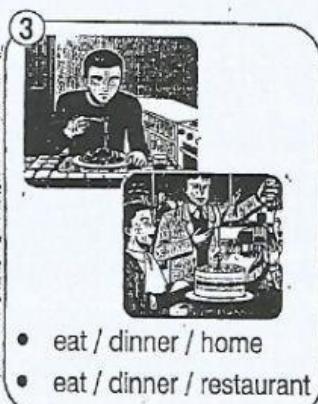
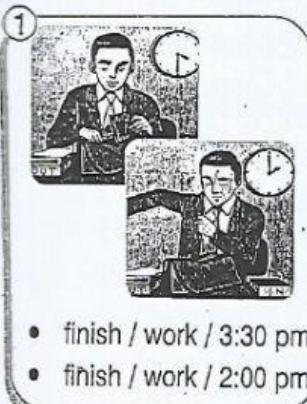
- 1 Dad doesn't buy / didn't buy a new car last week.
- 2 Mum always cooks / cooked chicken on Mondays.
- 3 Do you like / liked chips?
- 4 Mary leaves / left for Italy last month.
- 5 Do you brush / brushed your teeth every night?
- 6 The boys don't play / didn't play football last Sunday.
- 7 Did Emily come / came to the party?
- 8 I don't watch / didn't watch TV last night.

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Write what Edward usually does and what he *did* yesterday.



1 Edward usually *finishes* work at 3:30 pm, but yesterday he *finished* work at 2:00 pm.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

1 We *went* (go) to the beach last weekend.

5 My cousins (not/visit) us every weekend.

2 (your mum/make) a chocolate cake yesterday?

6 (Julia/wear) jeans to school yesterday?

3 Dad (not/work) on Sundays.

7 The children always (do) their homework in their rooms.

4 He (not/come) to the party last Saturday.

8 I (send) Claire an email yesterday afternoon.

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Complete the sentences with the time expressions from the list.

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1 We watched a really good film at the cinema *last night*

2 I went to a beautiful exotic island The weather was very hot.

3 My mother does the shopping

4 I am working I can't come with you.

5 She brushes her teeth before she goes to bed at night.

6 He is upset because he failed his driving test

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1. We *went* (go) to the beach last weekend.
2. *make* (your mum/make) a chocolate cake yesterday?
3. Dad *not/work* (not/work) on Sundays.
4. He *not/come* (not/come) to the party last Saturday.
5. My cousins *not/visit* (not/visit) us every weekend.
6. *wear* (Julia/wear) jeans to school yesterday?
7. The children always *do* (do) their homework in their rooms.
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Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

- 1 A: ... *Did you enjoy* (you / enjoy) the film last night?
B: No, I *didn't* It *was* (be) a horror film.
- 2 A: (you/go) to work yesterday?
B: No, I (never/work) on Saturdays.
- 3 A: (you/see) Charles yesterday?
B: Yes. We (have) lunch together.
- 4 A: (Colin/work) at a bank?
B: No, he He (work) at a post-office.
- 5 A: What time (you start) school every day?
B: Eight o'clock. But yesterday we (start) at eight thirty.
- 6 A: What (you/do) at weekends?
B: We usually (go) to the beach.
- 7 A: (you/do) anything exciting last Saturday?
B: No, not really. I (watch) TV and (read) a book.
It was a boring weekend.

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Read the conversation between Ling and Amy. Then put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

Ling: Hi Amy. 1) *Were you* (you/be) at home last weekend?

Amy: No, I 2) (not/be). My family and I 3) (go) to the beach. We often 4) (go) to the beach at weekends.

Ling: You're lucky. 5) (you/have) a nice time?

Amy: Oh, yes! I 6) (have) a great time!

Ling: Where 7) (you/stay)?

Amy: We 8) (stay) at my grandparents' house.

Ling: Oh. 9) (they/live) near the beach?

Amy: Yes, they do. Their house 10) (be) right by the beach.

Ling: Wow! That's cool. And what did you do there?

Amy: We 11) (walk) along the beach and 12) (swim) in the sea.

Ling: That sounds like a lot of fun.

