

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.

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| 1 ☐ He (star) in the Harry Potter films. | a Queen Elizabeth I |
| 2 ☐ He (discover) penicillin. | b Ruth Handler |
| 3 ☐ Leonardo Da Vinci (paint) this famous painting. | c Italy |
| 4 ☐ They (design) the Parthenon. | d Shakespeare |
| 5 ☐ He (write) <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> . | e The <i>Mona Lisa</i> |
| 6 ☐ She (be) the daughter of King Henry VIII. | f Iktinos and Kallikrates |
| 7 ☐ This country (win) the World Cup in 2006. | g Alexander Fleming |
| 8 ☐ She (invent) the Barbie doll. | 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.

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.

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 past simple:

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

8 Circle the correct item.

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

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



- finish / work / 3:30 pm
- finish / work / 2:00 pm



- go / home / by train
- go / home / by taxi



- eat / dinner / home
- eat / dinner / restaurant



- go / bed / early
- go / bed / late

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

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

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

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

3 Dad (not/work) on Sundays.

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

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

6 (Julia/wear) jeans to school yesterday?

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

8 I (send) Claire an email yesterday afternoon.

11 Complete the sentences with the time expressions from the list.

at the moment always yesterday ~~last night~~ every week last summer

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